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»Over 4,800 granted since federalization

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Aliens could expect faster and more efficient release of advance paroles from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services-Guam later this month as the federal agency has put in additional human resources for the processing of this travel document. **See USCIS on Page 4**



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David G. Gulick, district director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, gestures as he responds to reporters' questions at the Saipan Application Support Center in Garapan yesterday afternoon.

Tinian mayor upbeat on Japan government footing relocation bill

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Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz welcomes the assurance made by 12 members of the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly that the Japan government will foot the bill of relocating up to 4,000 from the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station at Futenma in Okinawa to Tinian if the U.S. government agrees with the notion.

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Saipan lawmakers wrestle over \$238,726; Precincts 4 and 5 left out

»Delegation also passes Froilan's street naming bill

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Saipan lawmakers deliberated for two hours on how to divide \$238,726 among five precincts for their pet projects, but ended up not giving a single cent to Precincts 4 and 5 which disappointed members from there.

"I was hoping that the resource will be divided equally. I am disappointed Precincts 4 and 5 were left out... It's alright if they give more to Precinct 2 but they should at least give something to us, but Precincts 1 and 3 didn't want that. This is an eye opener for me," Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* right after the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation session yesterday morning.

Basa, Rep. Frederick P. De-

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
From left, floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) work on Ogumoro's floor amendment to a local bill reinstating funding to Precincts 4 and 5 where Basa, Camacho and Deleon Guerrero hail from, but this amendment was defeated during a session of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation yesterday.

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The Japan Marianas Tourism Club met in Saipan on Dec. 2, 2010, to discuss current conditions of the Northern Mariana Islands tourism industry and future projections. JMTC is comprised of representatives of the Marianas Visitors Authority, travel agencies, airlines, and other industry companies and is chaired by Pacific Micronesia Tours President Nobuyasu Kanamaru, seated at center. JMTC members were joined in their deliberations this month by Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos (not pictured) and House Commerce and Tourism Chairman Edward Villagomez, standing seventh from right.

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SHEFA endorses release of 124 pending checks

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The new board of Saipan Higher Educational Financial Assistance has endorsed the release of 124 pending scholarship checks but the Department of Finance may not have enough funds to honor the request.

"These check requests were made on Nov. 23 and 24...but we have to bear in mind that this week is government payroll and it would be hard for the Finance Department to release the assistance on time," said acting SHEFA administrator Jeff Tomokane.

The scholarship checks cover only the grant-in-aid assistance for 62 off-island and 62 on-island students. Among the on-island beneficiaries are 12 students enrolled at the Northern Marianas Trade Institute.

Tomokane disclosed that trades institute scholars receive \$800 each, while off-island recipients under the same program are provided \$2,000. Scholars at Northern Marianas College receive \$1,200.

Of the more than 900 applications it received this semester, SHEFA approved over 600 scholars to receive grant-in-aid assistance.

Tomokane said that once schol-

ars receive this assistance, SHEFA will work on issuing the priority field of study award, which provides \$1,500 for both off-island and on-island recipients.

Only certain courses or degrees are provided this type of assistance.

"Once we're done with that, we will start taking care of incentive program which provides \$2,000 for both off-island and on-island recipients," he said, adding that scholars under the incentive program needs to maintain a high GPA and must be a full-time student.

Tomokane disclosed that some scholars have already received their grant-in-aid and field of study assistance but majority have yet to receive their checks to date.

He said it is the board's priority to come up with a comprehensive analysis and assessment as to how many scholars have been provided assistance, the number of pending grants, and those students who haven't receive anything at present.

"Our mission now is to issue first all the grant-in-aid checks and we will move on with the field of study and incentive programs based on available funding for SHEFA," he added.

Tinian cop in 'ice' case gets 6 months in prison

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The federal court sentenced yesterday to six months in prison a Tinian police officer who was among three men arrested in May 2010 during a joint anti-meth or "ice" operation conducted by Tinian police and Drug Enforcement Administration.

After completing his prison term, Gilbert Macaranas will be placed on three years of supervised probation.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge William Fremming Nielsen also required Macaranas to pay a \$100 special assessment fee.

He did not impose a fine after determining that Macaranas does not have the financial ability to pay.

Macaranas was a police officer on Tinian when he was arrested. He lost his job after his arrest.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto had pushed for a sentenced probation.

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Feds lift non-compliant status of NMI Head Start

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has lifted the non-compliant status of the CNMI Head Start Program with the closure of findings that were earlier cited in five key areas.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the Head

Start program passed a recent federal review with flying colors and met all expectations for the federally funded program.

Based on a six-page letter received on Nov. 23 by the Board of Education, Yvette Sanchez-Fuentes, director of the Office of Head Start under USDHHS, said they have closed the previously identified findings and that no corrective actions are

required at this time.

The federal agency conducted a comprehensive review of the program on Jan. 5 this year and a follow-up assessment in September. It was found out that the CNMI Head Start was not in compliance with some federal regulations, which could affect the funding assistance it gets. These findings were cited in the PSS single audit for fiscal year 2010.

In its newest communication to PSS, the federal agency noted that the CNMI Head Start program, as a federal grantee, is now doing annual performance reviews of each Head Start staff and that all staff members had initial health examinations and tuberculosis screening.

A separate review of procedures also determined that all new hires and contract renewals be required

to complete their health examinations and TB screening.

"There is thorough documentation in place" that this is being done, the federal agency states.

It also notes that the program has ensured that all employees receive training on methods for identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect, and that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors in the construction of Head Start facilities are paid wages at rates no less than those prevailing on island, as determined

by the Labor secretary.

The program also now ensures that at least 10 percent of the total children enrolled are children with disabilities.

Head Start is a publicly funded preschool program for eligible children and families. There are currently 10 centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, serving 462 children. In previous years, the CNMI was permitted to serve 579 kids.

The program got \$1.7 million in federal funding this year.

IN TRIAL OF TWO SUSPECTED 'ICE' TRAFFICKERS

Court runs out of prospective jurors; marshals 'grab' 9 people from lobby

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The trial of two suspected "ice" traffickers ran out of prospective jurors yesterday, forcing Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona to direct the Marshal Service Unit to get some people from outside the courtroom.

Saipan Tribune learned that

Judge Manglona completed jury selection in the case against Ignacio A. Deleon Guerrero Sr. and George Taitano Manglona already late in the afternoon.

Judge Manglona was able to pick six jurors yesterday noon and she resumed the selection of one alternate juror in the afternoon.

Failing to get one alternate juror, the court ran out of pro-

spective jurors. This prompted the judge to exercise her authority to pick up people to serve as prospective jurors.

With Judge Manglona's instruction, the court marshals immediately "grabbed" nine people from the court's lobby and brought them into the courtroom.

The judge was able to select one from the nine to serve as alternate juror, thereby completing the roster for seven jurors, including the alternate.

Jury selection began on Mon-

day. The trial will continue tomorrow, Thursday.

Assistant attorneys general Russell Lorring and Shelli Neal are prosecuting the case.

James Norita Camacho is counsel for Deleon Guerrero, while assistant public defender Michael Brown is defending Manglona.

Members of the CNMI Drug Task Force arrested Deleon Guerrero and Manglona on March 10, 2010, for alleged

trafficking of a controlled substance and illegal possession of controlled substance.

A detective said they used a "cooperating source" to buy \$40 worth of "ice" from Deleon Guerrero, and \$50 worth of "ice" from Manglona.

The two have pleaded not guilty.

Woman gets probation for falsifying time sheets and stealing public money

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A government employee charged with falsifying her time sheets and stealing public funds pleaded guilty yesterday and was given a probation sentence.

Maureen G. Sebangiol, a former instructor for the Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider Training Program, pleaded guilty to a count each of theft by deception and misconduct in public office.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Sebangiol to six years in prison, all suspended, and placed her on probation for a year or until all restitution and fines have been paid in full.

The 53-year-old Sebangiol was ordered to pay \$9,693.94 in restitution within three years. She was also required to pay a \$4,000 fine; if paid by Dec. 31, 2010, the amount shall be reduced to \$2,000. This is on top of her \$100 court assessment fee and \$100 probation service fee.

Sebangiol is also prohibited from working for the government for 10 years.

A review hearing will be conducted on April 13, 2011, to determine if she has complied with the terms and conditions of her sentence.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Sebangiol with 11 counts of theft by deception, two counts of misconduct in public office, and one count of theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received.

The OAG said that Sebangiol falsified her time sheets several times between April 2007 and October 2009, illegally earning a total of more than \$4,200. Sebangiol stole a total of \$9,693.94 by falsifying 25 time sheets (three in 2007 and 22 in 2009).

Also, as lead instructor and in sole custody of funds belonging to the Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider Training Program, Sebangiol stole

\$4,971 that was provided her by the program's enrollees.


Sebangiol and counsel Stephen Nutting entered a plea agreement with assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Lawmakers: Fitial, Inos should work things out

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Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), one of the most senior lawmakers in the CNMI, said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos can still—and should—settle

their differences especially during these tough financial times.

Torres is so far the only lawmaker who has gone on record to talk about the six-month-old rift between the governor and lieutenant governor over policy differences related to

hiring, awarding of contracts and government employment of Ambrosio Ogumoro, among other things.

“They can still patch it out, whatever their differences. They can still work it out before it gets worse. I am not

worried about that and I leave it up to them. They’re adults and smart enough to do what’s right for the people,” Torres told *Saipan Tribune*.

But other members of the 17th Legislature, who requested their names not printed at

this time, said it’s no wonder the CNMI is in one of the worst financial times because even the governor and lieutenant governor have not talked to each other since July.

However, it’s not only the Executive Branch whose top officials are at odds.

House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) and Senate

President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) have been at odds since the 17th Legislature was sworn into office in January.

Inos, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, said despite his differences with Fitial, he respects the governor’s office and still considers Fitial a friend. They have been friends since the Trust Territory days.

USCIS

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Advance parole is permission for non-U.S. citizens lawfully living and working in the CNMI to re-enter the U.S. and its territories after traveling outside the U.S.

David G. Gulick, district director of USCIS, also said yesterday that the agency has so far issued over 4,800 advance paroles to aliens in the CNMI since the federal takeover of local immigration on Nov. 28, 2009.

“We put in extra resource to help in the processing (of advance parole), not the adjudication. We have enough officers to do the adjudication. We needed help with the actual processing,” Gulick said in a media availability forum yesterday afternoon at the Saipan Application Support Center in Garapan.

USCIS has also so far issued 1,800 paroles, but some of them were granted to the same alien

twice or thrice. Moreover, those who were granted advance paroles were also granted paroles.

In the case of the CNMI, parole—to distinguish from advance parole—is permission to re-enter the CNMI after traveling in the U.S. and its territories like Guam.

“We’re seeing people, they get paroled either from us or from officers at the airport. They get the I-94. It’s very important that people look at the dates in the I-94 because that’s the most important date for immigration,” Gulick said.

He also said USCIS has also encountered individuals who are still in the CNMI even though they no longer have authorization to remain here.

‘No regulations yet’

Gulick, who has been with USCIS since 1972, said the transitional worker regulations and investors regulations are still actively being processed, and

there’s no telling at this time when these will be issued.

In the CNMI, every single day that the federal regulations are not released to guide employers and workers, means another day that investors can’t invest, businesses can’t expand or hire workers, and guest workers can’t decide whether to stay or leave. This has frustrated almost all sectors in the CNMI.

Those who do not have CNMI-issued umbrella permits are also encouraged to apply for a parole in place, and to apply for an employment authorization if they want to continue employment in the CNMI.

Another reminder

Gulick said if aliens decide to temporarily leave the CNMI even before getting their advance parole, they should inform USCIS about an individual who could obtain the document and send it to the alien before he comes back to the CNMI.

He said in recent months, when USCIS Guam had a “little backlog for different reasons,” people left the CNMI without advance parole and came back through Guam without the document.

Gulick said in some instances, Guam allowed these aliens to move on to the CNMI provided that after 10 days or two weeks upon arrival in the CNMI, these aliens need to go back to the Saipan airport and present their advance parole to immigration officers.

“But technically, they should not have let them on the airplane. All I know is we want people to understand that if they leave without an advance parole, they need to make sure they have somebody to get to their advance parole before they could come back,” Gulick added.

USCIS urges people to visit www.uscis.gov for immigration information.

When asked whether DHS could issue special cards to

aliens in the CNMI instead of issuing parole or advance parole every time they travel, Gulick said this is not possible because this is only a “temporary situation.”

USCIS thumbs down UWM-NMI request

United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed, meanwhile, said that Gulick has informed him that USCIS does not have enough resources to set up a processing center for advance paroles on Saipan.

Syed said this was Gulick’s response to UWM’s Nov. 22 request asking the USCIS to establish a processing center for advance paroles on island to avoid any inconveniences to nonresident workers.

“Mr. Gulick said they already took the initiative and are doing extra effort to speed up the processing of advance parole applications in Guam,” he said.

According to Syed, it takes

weeks before foreign workers receive their approved Form I-131 or the advance parole form to visit their home country for vacation or emergency purposes.

Syed said he was informed by Gulick that foreign workers can expect the standard processing time of 10 days after the Christmas holiday.

Gulick also reiterated to him that in case of emergency situations, a foreign worker can leave as soon as the advance parole application is submitted and just authorize someone in the CNMI to receive the advance parole and send it to the foreign worker.

Syed is pleased that Gulick took time to inform them about this development to avoid future inconveniences for foreign workers.

“It doesn’t matter where the processing center is. Our main objective here is faster processing for the convenience of the travelers,” he added. **(With reports from Clarissa V. David)**

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leon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan)—all from Precincts 4 and 5—were the only three of 17 members present who voted “no” on House Local Bill 17-11 that was amended without giving money to their precincts.

The other 14 members present voted “yes” on the local bill.

Rep. Rafael Demapan’s (Cov-Saipan) HLB 17-11 originally appropriated the whole \$238,726 from the developers’ infrastructure tax fund and other unobligated/lapsed funds from previous local laws to his Precinct 2 for road projects.

But Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) made a floor amend-

ment that divided the full amount equally among the five Saipan precincts, or \$47,745.20 each.

Yumul’s amendment was unanimously adopted, as members felt it was fair to equally distribute the amount.

However, Demapan made a floor amendment to his own bill, as amended, giving \$143,235.60 instead of \$47,745.20 to his Precinct 2.

Demapan’s proposed amendment took away the \$47,745.20 each to Precincts 4 and 5, and maintained the said amount for Precincts 1 and 3.

Eight members approved Demapan’s amendment, while only five opposed it, and three abstained from voting.

Those who voted “yes” on Demapan’s amendment to give more to Precinct 2 and not give anything to Precincts 4 and 5

were Demapan, minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), Rep. Raymond Palacios (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Yumul, and delegation chair Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan).

Those who voted “no” on Demapan’s amendment were Basa, Camacho, Fred Deleon Guerrero, Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan).

Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Sen. Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), and Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) abstained from voting. Five members were absent during the voting.

Ogumoro later made a floor amendment, to reduce the appropriations for Precincts 1 and 3, so that \$23,872.60 will

be given each to Precincts 4 and 5.

But Ogumoro’s amendment was defeated on an 11-5 vote, with one abstention from Sen. Pete Reyes.

When it came to voting on the main motion to pass HLB 17-11, as amended, 14 members voted “yes,” and three voted “no.” Those who voted against it were the three Precincts 4 and 5 lawmakers who were present: Basa, Fred Deleon Guerrero, and Camacho.

“We ended up not getting anything,” said Fred Deleon Guerrero.

Basa said members should understand that all precincts have needs.

“Kagman roads need to be constructed and others need repair. We also need money from that appropriations bill,” he added.

Froilan’s road naming bill

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation also passed House Speaker Froilan Tenorio’s (Cov-Saipan) HLB 17-16, naming an unnamed road leading from the residence of Norman and Keli Aiken to Tapochau Road.

Under Tenorio’s bill, this particular road will be named “Chief Aiken Trail,” in honor of the late Peter Steve Aiken, fondly known in the islands as Chief Aiken beginning in the early 1960s. Chief Aiken initiated the removal and disposal of World War II ordnance in the early 1970s throughout the Marianas and Micronesia.

Benavente, in a privilege speech after the delegation passed Tenorio’s bill, said the passage of the speaker’s bill came about a week after the

speaker told the media that the delegation has not done anything and could not even pass his road naming bill.

He speaker said this, when asked why he has the worst attendance among members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

Tenorio was again absent from the delegation session yesterday.

“This is to inform the speaker we passed his bill today. And I hope he attends future sessions because he was voted by people of his precinct to represent them in this delegation,” Benavente said.

Tenorio cancelled yesterday afternoon’s House session, when Rep. Stanley Torres was supposed to make a motion to elect new sets of officers. Minority members and at least two independents are poised to vote for Benavente as new speaker should that motion be entertained.

TINIAN MAYOR

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“This is something new that’s brought to the table—that the Japanese government is footing the bill of the relocation should the U.S. agrees to that relocation. We’ve never heard that before,” Dela Cruz said in a phone interview.

He said the 4,000 only pertains to the Marines, but not their dependents that will double the number of those that will be moving to Tinian should the U.S. government agree to it.

The United States established a military base on Tinian over 60 years ago, designed to support more than 40,000 military personnel on the island.

Dela Cruz, along with Tinian lawmakers and local officials,

met with the Okinawan lawmakers on Tinian yesterday, a day after the visitors also met with members of the Legislature on Saipan.

Dela Cruz reiterated that Tinian has waited for some three decades to see major military construction or activities on the island that will benefit its economy, but to this date, the leased property sits idle.

The U.S. government leased two-thirds of Tinian land for 100 years, at a cost of only \$17.5 million. The area covers 7,203 hectares.

Dela Cruz also asked the members of the prefectural assembly to pass a resolution urging the central Japan government to consider Tinian as relocation site for the Futenma Marines.

The CNMI Senate and House had separately adopted resolu-

tions asking the same thing from the U.S. government.

“As of today, the 2006 deal between Japan and the U.S. still stands. But Okinawans feel that the Futenma relocation is not properly addressed. Okinawans want the Futenma base out of their island and even out of Japan. The reason they came here is to ask for our support in asking the U.S. government to consider Tinian as relocation site, since two-thirds of Tinian land is already leased by the military,” Dela Cruz said.

The Okinawan lawmakers also invited the Tinian mayor to visit Okinawa to see for himself the bases there.

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) said all decisions pertaining to the military rests with the U.S. government, and the CNMI can only convey its sup-

port to such relocation, as exemplified by the resolutions passed.

The Okinawan lawmakers, led by Shingaki Tetsuji of the LDP, and other Japanese officials who visited Saipan before them, hope for a renegotiation of the 2006 accord between Japan and the U.S. to be able to consider Tinian.

So far, the U.S. government is sticking with the 2006 accord. The U.S. government maintains that the 2006 plan is the only viable option that would both reduce U.S. military presence on Okinawa and maintain security in the Asia-Pacific region.

Dela Cruz said the meeting with Okinawan lawmakers was held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino and lasted for some two hours until lunch. After lunch, the Okinawan lawmakers toured the island, including portions of the military-leased area.

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tence of six months in jail, three years of supervised probation, and a fine for all the costs of detention and supervision. G. Anthony Long, counsel for Macaranas, recommended a probation sentence.

Benedetto told *Saipan Tribune* that the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Tinian Department of Public Safety worked together in the case.

“The Tinian police officers are very professional and really know their business. They gave really good reports,” Benedetto said.

Macaranas and Long signed a plea agreement with the U.S. government in July 2010. The defendant pleaded guilty to distribution of a controlled

substance.

According to the plea agreement, on July 22, 2009, Macaranas abetted Carlos Aldan in distributing “ice” on Tinian and that Macaranas used his patrol car to facilitate the distribution of “ice.”

Macaranas also allowed Aldan to distribute “ice” in his patrol car.

Aldan and the third defendant—Henry M. San Nicolas—also pleaded guilty.

Last month, the court handed down a three-year probation sentence against Aldan.

That same month, the court handed down a time-served sentence against San Nicolas, an employee of the Tinian Mayor’s Office’s Dog Control Program, who had been detained for 15 weeks. He was placed on three years of supervised release.

Toy drive targets 1,000 toys for children

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REPORTER

The 2010 Christmas Toy Drive of the Marianas Health Services targets to collect 1,000 toys to be distributed to less fortunate children on Saipna, Tinian, and Rota.

"The goal is to obtain at least 1,000 gifts that we can distribute to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," administrator George Cruz addressed the Saipan Rotary Club regular membership meeting yesterday at Giovanni's Restaurant at Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Cruz encouraged members of the community to donate non-violent toys for children 12 years old and below.

Aside from toys, Cruz also said that they accept check donation payable to specific stores so they can buy the toys for the donors.



Marianas Health Services administrator George Cruz talks about their 2010 Christmas Toy Drive to benefit Karidat while Rotary president Glen Perez looks on during the regular membership meeting of the Saipan Rotary Club yesterday at Giovanni's Restaurant.

He said they are working closely with different organizations and lawmakers from the two islands to coordinate the toy drive.

In an interview, Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* that this is the first time that Marianas Health Services will be at the forefront of the annual toy drive, which will benefit the children of Karidat Social Services.

Cruz volunteered to take charge of the toy drive after Karidat executive director Angie Guerrero informed him that Wells Fargo, which has organized the toy drives in the past, will not be able to do it this year since they have already closed down.

"We wanted to continue doing it for the children of Karidat," he said.

Despite the bad economic situation in the CNMI, Cruz remains hopeful that they will be able to reach their goal by Dec.

18, the last day to collect toys.

"It is important for us to show the children that no matter how tough the situation is, we can overcome challenges by working hard and staying focus," he said.

Cruz added that another significant message the toy drive shares with children is having hope during these times.

"There is hope not just in this economy but also in our community. I think that's very important," he said, adding that the diverse community of the CNMI embodies that hope.

According to Cruz, they have collected about 500 toys, 400 of which were donated by Tan Holdings, in addition to \$500 worth of gift certificates.

Drop-off locations for the toys are at the Marianas Health Services, Lollipops, and IT&E.

Cruz said they are planning to conduct a last round of toy collection that will be announced soon.

PSS staff who sold govt computer gets probation

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REPORTER

A Public School System employee accused of stealing a PSS laptop and selling it to a pawnshop has pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years of probation.

Criselda Coronel Aldan, 40, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to a count of removal or possession of government property and was sentenced yesterday to six months in prison, all suspended.

Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona placed Aldan on probation for three years and ordered her to pay \$300 in restitution to GEC Pawnshop.

She was also required to pay a \$2,000 fine but this will be considered fully satisfied if she pays \$1,000 by Dec. 31, 2010. This is

on top of a \$25 court assessment fee plus probation fee.

Aldan was also ordered to write a one-page letter of apology to PSS and the people of the Commonwealth, explaining how this conviction affected her family.

She is also barred from working for the CNMI government for 10 years.

A review hearing will be conducted on March 2, 2011 to determine if Aldan has complied with all the terms and conditions of her sentence.

The Office of the Attorney General alleged that Aldan stole a Sony laptop valued at \$1,200 from PSS on April 12, 2010. Aldan then allegedly sold the computer to the GEC Pawnshop.

The Office of Public Auditor initiated the investigation that resulted in the filing of charges against Aldan.

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PSS to let go of teachers without degrees

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The Public School System will soon let go of classroom teachers without a degree after the

Board of Education approved only the hiring of degree holders for new and replacement

positions for its Head Start program.

Under the national Head

Start Act, 50 percent of the program's personnel must be degree holders by Sept.

30, 2013.

According to PSS, only four of Head Start's 50 employees on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian have degrees.

To compound the matter, only six Head Start staff could earn their degrees by 2013 as they are currently enrolled at Northern Marianas College.

According to interim Head Start director Melissa Palacios, however, majority of the program's personnel have early childhood certificates.

She said although the act doesn't cite consequences if the 50 percent target is not achieved, Palacios said Head Start nonetheless should come up with an action plan to meet the goal.

"There's nothing in the act that states that they [non-degree holders] will be removed or face consequences...but as a program, we need to have a plan in place and our personnel must step up to the plate if teaching is really for them," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune*.

Palacios said if there is a vacancy, they have to hire only the most qualified personnel.

Degree holders are paid over \$28,000 per annum, while those who possess early childhood certifications are paid only \$18,000 a year.

For non-degree personnel, PSS provides only \$13,000 to \$15,000 per annum.

Board member Herman T. Guerrero, chairman of the fiscal and personnel committee, admitted that having only four degree holders for Head Start is a serious concern.

To assist those without degrees, Palacios recommended the continuous offering of professional development sessions on lesson planning, school observation, teaching techniques, annual appraisal of teachers, and regular monitoring.

She said a collaborative effort between PSS and NMC is also key in meeting the goal for 2013.

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The Pacific Islands Club Saipan wishes to congratulate all of the cyclists who participated in the 4th Annual Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle on Saturday, December 4, 2010. There were 99 cyclists entered as individuals for the 100km solo, 16 two-person teams and 10 four-person teams for a total of 171 registered participants.

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The 5th Annual Hell of the Marianas is scheduled for December 3, 2011. See you next year!

Sobriety, DUI checkpoints on Saipan set

The Department of Public Safety's Traffic Section will be conducting DUI/sobriety checkpoints this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11-12, 2010.

On Saturday, the first checkpoint will be on Chalan Monsignor Guerrero, or 16 Highway Chalan Kiya by the CUC Waterloo, on the westbound lane, from 8pm to 9:15pm.

The second will be along Chalan Pale Arnold, or Middle Road Gualo Rai in front of Han's Corp., on the northbound lane, from 11pm to 12:15am.

The third will be on Beach Road Chalan Laulau by Dr. Kaipat's residence, on the southbound lane, from 1:15am to 2:30am.

On Sunday, the first checkpoint will be on Beach Road, Susupe in front of the Minatchom Atdao, on the southbound lane, from 4pm to 5:15pm.

The second will be on Chalan Pale Arnold Road, 2W Highway Chalan Laulau across TransAmerica, on the southbound lane, from 6:30pm to 7:45pm.

The third will be on Beach Road Garapan across the Bank Pacific, on the southbound lane, from 8:30pm to 9:45pm.

Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes) at each location.

Police officers will also be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrol, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser activities.

This activity is part of the department's efforts to ensure that all operators abide by the law. **(DPS)**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SHEFA board meeting on Dec. 10

The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance board of directors will have its regular meeting on Dec. 10, 2010, at 1:30pm, at the SHEFA office in Garapan, Saipan. Date and time may be subject to change by a majority of board members duly present with a quorum.

The agenda will include introduction of the new SHEFA administrator, Henry S. Hofschneider; standing committees reports; status of students' checks; rules and regulations on applicant's eligibility, etc. **(PR)**

Saipan Southern progress reports to be released

To all parents and guardians of Saipan Southern High School students: Term 2 mid-progress reports are scheduled to be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, from 3pm to 6pm. Teachers will be available in their classrooms for parents or legal guardians visits. All students will be released at 1pm. **(PR)**

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Dec. 8, 1998

Non-contract teachers seeking job assurance

Marianas High School teachers are putting pressure on the Public School System to finalize their job contracts in fear that the school system's dire financial state might eventually lead to an uncertain future for them. "One of our concerns is how do we get ourselves in the same playing field with teachers who have contracts," Eric Hillstrom told Saipan Tribune. Hillstrom has been into his third year with the PSS, the whole time serving without a job contract. Hillstrom said teachers with contracts may accept or reject the proposed salary cuts, and that could throw non-contract teachers into uncertainty. Already, non-contract teachers have been issued 90-day notices in what could serve as a gesture of notifying them of release if funds fell short.

Feds coming for garment talks

Officials from the US Department of Labor will arrive on Saipan in January to hold discussions with local garment manufacturers in what could be part of a series of visits by federal officials in the Northern Marianas, according to sources from the administration. CNMI's Secretary of Labor and Immigration Mark D. Zachares yesterday met with Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to inform the commonwealth leader of the scheduled visit by a team of labor officials next month for talks with industry representatives. Zachares recently went to Washington D.C. to update congressional staff, Insular Affairs Director Allen P. Stayman and labor officials on the reforms being undertaken by the island government to address federal concerns on labor and immigration.

Dec. 8, 1999

JAL pledges more flights to Saipan

Two senators who were part of the CNMI delegation to a tourism and travel fair in Japan expressed hope yesterday that the island may see an increase in the number of direct flights to bring more Japanese tourists to offset downscaling of service by Continental Airline to Saipan. Sen. Juan P. Tenorio disclosed that Japan Airlines have pledged to local officials that it will add charter flights between February and April on top of the carrier's regular service to carry more passengers during the peak season. "We were a little bit too focused on the reduction of flight by Continental, but at the same time we should be a little bit more appreciative and acknowledge that [JAL] is making tremendous effort to fill in the void," he told reporters during a break in the Senate session.

Students say NMC should conduct PR blitz

What better way to market the Northern Marianas College than to use its own radio station KRNM to advertise its programs and activities. An advertising proposal conducted by eight students enrolled in Fundamentals of Advertising Class under Prof. Rik Villegas has recommended that the college maximize the full potential of the radio station to inform the public about the various projects carried out by NMC. It was the first marketing plan ever made by students of NMC in 18 years. The students made the presentation to NMC officials at the Pacific Islands Club.

Dec. 8, 2000

PSS administrators seek 20 pct. differential

Marianas High School administrators are pressing the State Board of Education to provide principals and vice principals 20 percent salary differentials that they believe they are entitled to as school officials tasked with administering over 1,800 students. MHS Principal James Denight, in a letter addressed to the BOE Fiscal and Personnel Committee, has proposed that the Public School System consider giving out one-time differentials each year for administrators specifically in campuses handling over a thousand students such as MHS and Hopwood Junior High School.

Babauta vows to fight for lobby funds

Throwing support in the plea by business leaders to earmark funds for a lobbying campaign in Washington D.C., the House leadership has vowed to pursue the issue during budget talks with the Senate. House Floor Leader Oscar M. Babauta emphasized the need to continue services of a lobbying firm in the nation's capital amid constant threats of federal takeover of local immigration and minimum wage as well as removal of trade privileges provided in the Covenant. He said that while it is up to the governor to decide who to hire to defend the CNMI, critics of the decision to engage lobbyists from Preston Gates must weigh the importance of protecting local interests.



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One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-013, Supply & Delivery of Pole Mounted Transformers", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **January 7, 2011 at 10:00 AM, (ChST)** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

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Heaven on Earth melting away

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On a November evening, with the spring sun in northern Antarctica slowly setting about 11 p.m., the view from the top of the Marr Ice Piedmont—a glacier nearly 40 miles long by 20 miles wide—was all ice and sky. Through the dust-free atmosphere, I gazed at mountain peaks 120 miles to the south, their summits enveloped in rivers of ice that dropped sharply to the Southern Ocean. The sea itself was frozen, its surface studded with countless icebergs. The scene in front of me, devoid of any sign of man, glowed with a cool, blue purity. And as the mountains that form the spine of the 900-mile Antarctic Peninsula were lit with a pale golden light, two thoughts ran through my head: This is as close to heaven as I'll ever get on Earth, and if all this ice starts to melt in earnest, the world will be a sorry place in which to live.

The truth is, this ice-bound world has already begun to waste away. In the last 60 years, the northwestern Antarctic Peninsula has warmed faster than virtually any place on Earth. Winter temperatures have soared by 11 degrees Fahrenheit. Year-round temperatures have climbed by 5 degrees Fahrenheit, and ocean temperatures are gradually rising. Ninety percent of the region's glaciers are in retreat. Sea ice now blankets the Southern Ocean off the western Antarctic Peninsula nearly three months less a year than in 1979.

If such profound changes had come to our temperate zones over the last few decades—if average winter temperatures in New York City had soared a dozen degrees, if our oaks and maples were being replaced by palm trees, if sea levels had risen half a dozen feet—chances are the public would not be so indifferent to our warming world and many politicians would not be denying that the climate is changing because of human activity.

But the warming outside of the poles and the world's mountain ranges is more subtle, and so we carry on as if nothing is happening, as if the stable climate that has given rise to human civilization was not in a state of rapid flux.

The rate of change along the Antarctic Peninsula is shocking. Over the last few years, I have spent a total of six months at a 40-person U.S. science base, Palmer Station, on the western Antarctic Peninsula. On my first visit in 2004, a gaping hole opened up in a section of the retreating Marr Ice Piedmont, connecting two bays that probably hadn't been linked for thousands of years. Scientists who have been at Palmer since the mid-1970s have seen the Marr glacier withdraw 1,500 feet behind the station. The disappearing sea ice has caused populations of ice-dependent Adelie penguins near the station to plummet from more than 30,000 breeding pairs in 1975 to roughly 5,000 pairs today.

Why should we care? First, although much has rightly been made of warming in the Arctic, the mother lode of ice on the planet is Antarctica, where ice as deep as three miles covers a continent 1 1/2 times the size of the United States. The warming of the Antarctic Peninsula represents the first breach in this enormous, frozen citadel. Already, rising air and sea temperatures are nibbling away at the Western Antarctic Ice Sheet, the loss of

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America's young scientists at risk

By CAROL W. GREIDER AND TERESA SZYMANIK
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The Dec. 10 awards ceremony in Stockholm celebrates the 2010 Nobel Prize winners and the ability of curiosity-driven men and women to open doors on previously undiscovered areas of knowledge. But it comes on the heels of a disturbing recent report from the National Academies of Sciences warning that the United States is continuing to slide toward relinquishing its position as the world's top innovator.

That accolade instead seems to be shifting to other nations, particularly in Asia, that are making the necessary investments in science and engineering education and research that drive so much of the world's economy.

"Rising Above The Gathering Storm, Revisited: Rapidly Approaching Category 5" provides a troubling sequel to an influential 2005 study, which called for action and investment in 20 specific areas of science, math and engineering education, research and science and technology policy. But as the hurricane metaphor in the report's title broadcasts, our nation is more at risk than ever: "It would appear that overall the United States' long-term competitiveness outlook (read jobs) has further deteriorated," according to the blue-ribbon panel that prepared the new analysis.

Scientific- and engineering-based enterprise leads to the sorts of technologies, products, services and jobs that give life and momentum to a nation's economy. Not only do the scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs benefit, the new report states, but so do the truck drivers who deliver new products, the sales teams that market them, the repair personnel who maintain them and so forth, through the entire economy.

These challenging budgetary times, however, require innovation in how we support our country's young scientists and engineers at points in their professional lives when they often are the most creative. We need new approaches not just from government but also by the private sector and philanthropic community.

I was fortunate to have shared the Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology in 2009, with two colleagues, for fundamental discoveries about the structure and behavior of chromosomes. As a young scientist 20 years ago, however, I couldn't have imagined that our work would later bear so directly on cancer and age-related disease. But fortunately I received support to pursue the biological and clinical

connections of this basic research.

Early in my scientific career, I was the beneficiary of a four-year award in biomedical sciences from a program run by The Pew Charitable Trusts that has supported over 500 early-career scientists in its 25-year history. The funds helped me pursue my research, of course, but more important in the long run was the confidence the award gave me to ask bold questions. Subsequent support for over 20 years from the National Institutes of Health allowed me to continue pursuing connections of basic science to disease.

Too many creative young scientists today, however, fail to receive such funding when it can serve them—and their country—the most. Over the past quarter-century, the average age at which investigators receive their first independent National Institutes of Health research grant has increased from 34 to 42 years. Meanwhile, the proportion of grant proposals that succeed has decreased so dramatically that we have arrived at a real crisis point. We are in danger of losing a generation of creative young minds due to lack of funding.

It takes a forward-looking country to open educational and career pathways to train young scientists, but there is also a strong pragmatic argument for doing so. "While only 4 percent of the nation's work force is composed of scientists and engineers, this group disproportionately creates jobs for the other 96 percent," the NAS report notes.

As other countries invest heavily in science and education, they are beginning to challenge our longstanding preeminence in the scientific and technological enterprises. Five years ago, the NAS warned of emerging global competition. Today, the risk of losing our leadership position is even greater. In this increasingly competitive world, we need to renew and intensify our national commitment to science and engineering, with a focus on education and research.

Maintaining and improving our scientific standing requires all stakeholders to strengthen those existing programs that nurture our scientific and engineering workforce, while inventing and funding new ones. Only this will allow the United States to preserve its well-deserved reputation as an economic engine where innovation can flourish.

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On water bucket diplomacy

“When two giants fight the grass gets crushed.” The latest rift between the governor and lieutenant governor did just that—crushed innocent bystanders downstairs—as the gossip industry picks up production at the assembly line of speculation.

I quiz if the usual retinue of pundits that patch things up are anywhere in sight. Nah! Most have disappeared into the marshland of incognito. No one wants the filthy stench of corpse on his or her clothes. Thus, the quick disappearing act, quietly reciting, “Heard nothing, saw nothing, don’t know anything.”

You wonder what’s the consequence of this dysfunctional show-down. Sad that it once boasted the currency of unity, with hope spilling down the side of gold-laced crystal glass cups. It’s now contained in a leaky and dull coconut shell. This as elected officials skirt resolving historic fiscal disaster that moves slowly into our midst like fatal red-hot magma shining brightly after sunset. This must be an unscheduled roasting job for political celebrities?

The rumbling has everybody listening to the heavy decibels downstairs that have dangerously cracked the base of the ruling majority. The seemingly irreparable discordance is wrapped in incommunicado. Regrouping with a sense of camaraderie has fizzled. The mood is engulfed in the gamesmanship of self-destruction. No worries. We’re only observers and not creatures of this highly stunning discordance.

Across the street, Speaker Lang has lost control of his own sailboat. Rumors abound that he’s started classes on “How to live like a lame duck.” His shifting threat to surrender as chief navigator is admirable. This as his deputy pasted a sign on her door saying, “Gone to buy stamps for Christmas cards”. She’s tired of listening to Lang’s broken record of “I quit today...tomorrow...day after tomorrow...wait, wait, wait, maybe I’ll stay.”

Sad that governance has waited for Lang’s signature issue on EIC. It could have brought real help for many working families. But

he chooses complacency and now waits for signal from next door when to descend from his pedestal. But he’s back with his usual, “I changed my mind” bit. How lucky the NMI isn’t part of the New York Stock Exchange. Otherwise, our investments would hold the record for the most crashes, forced by moronic gamesmanship.

I suppose the thrill to do what’s right is gone forever. It’s visible on the nervous grin of tired and stiff faces. They’ve lost the fire in their belly to face the challenges forthwith—win, lose or draw. With tails between their legs, the guys have taken refuge along the beach, ready for instant head sticking into the soft sands of paradise, sighing, “No mas!” Is leadership really a punishing ordeal? But why did the guys enter the battlefield in the first instance? It must be the “loko” Marines lining up at the floodgates of Adios Muchacho!

The more the guys resort to shirking their fiduciary responsibilities, the more it strengthens my suspicion of a perceptual swamp on the hill loaded with filth that must have contaminated the minds of our men of wisdom. I know an order for a desalination system has been placed by CUC, but it won’t be here until 2012. Its installation ASAP could be timely to flush out the filth from the swamp with finality.

For now, steer clear of interfering. The enemy is busy destroying himself. And if you insist on meddling stick to water bucket diplomacy. It’s safer!

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Breakdowns and bankruptcy

Alarming to read that power generation may shut down if nothing is done to purchase replacement parts and others to enable CUC to service generators.

This confirms how deep-south revenue generation has gone. If you think “delayed” payday is bad news, you ought to wait for “Payless Fridays” coupled with no water, power and sewer. These ought to confirm that the NMI is really in the abyss of bankruptcy!

We’d all be doing Christmas and summer time caroling singing, “And a broke, broke here and a broke, broke there...here a broke,

pan felt a sudden expansionist thrust but was thwarted in the Americas by a racism that banned Japanese and Chinese migration to the land that used them for farm and rail labor.

Manchuria was not traditionally Chinese. The Manchurians were “foreigners” who assimilated to the culture of the nation it conquered. At first, the Qing banned the Hans from the land of the Manchus. With the weakening of the dynasty at the onslaught of European expansion where England’s longing for Shangri-la thought China was just “an old tree ready to fall,” Russia beyond the Urals drove out to the Amur, while Japan’s technology exploited Manchukuo’s coal and oil.

With its hunger for land and its industry’s demand for the limitless power of fossil fuel, Japan’s military might was confident it could drive the French, British and Dutch out of Asia’s oil fields, and was just itching to prove it. The U.S. blockade of access to this valuable commodity set the motion that led to Pearl Harbor and the launching of the Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere.

If we can transcend our stereotyped picture of a nation of bow-legged bloodthirsty savages, or mindless followers of Heaven’s son, and recognize an empire feeling its oats not unlike those of Egypt and Assyria, Babylon and Rome, the Moguls and the Khans, in their prime, we may see Japan’s need for expansion and natural resource. Japan’s oil and immigration requirements bedeviled its history. China’s “day of shame” is the Mukden incident 10 years before Pearl Harbor became that of America’s “day of infamy.”

Now, the U.S. is mired in its obsession for cheap fuel. US\$ is now the currency of E. Timor (natural gas) and Ecuador (oil). Simultaneous to this is our deep sense of manifest destiny, American exceptionalism, the belief that providentially we are superior to others. “Go west, young man, go west” was a mission to save! Mitt Romney, our favorite Republican Mormon would-be President bewails in a recent book the absence of emphasis over the manifest greatness of the nation. Japan clipped our westward thrust in Corregidor, receding the U.S. west coast from Manila’s Roxas Blvd. to Hagatna’s Tumon Bay. (This is not textbook history, which might explain why PSS is in no hurry to absorb my services into its teaching ranks!)

mountains has been a fixture of this planet since the dawn of civilization. Even as explorer Ernest Shackleton’s ship, *Endurance*, was trapped in the ice of the Weddell Sea, the men’s fate uncertain, photographer Frank Hurley was overcome by the beauty of his surroundings. “There were times,” he wrote, “when the sky was a rainbow, flaming with radiant mock suns, and one’s very heart and soul cried out in rapture, ‘These things are not earthly; this is heaven.’”

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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there a broke, everywhere a broke, broke!” This nursery rhyme song may not be apropos for the holiday season but it’s the only one that fits it all.

Bankruptcy would have its own domino effect as we say adios to 2010 and prepare for worse times in 2011. Imagine the devastating effects of work hour reduction on the first family home or those slated for termination for being perceived as political enemies. Imagine the disastrous familial obligations sinking concurrently into the abyss of unemployment as revenues rush further south.

Would there be money to support well deserving scholars abroad? Or would scholarship programs fall by the wayside, closed, shut and bolted? Would there be money for familial needs, specifically those without entitlement program assistance? How would these families fare as bankruptcy engulfs the local government? Would Uncle Sam be generous to what is destined to become an economic emergency?

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The future is bleak, at least for the next decade! As much as I wish to stay on the side of optimism, facts and figures don’t lie nor the cringe of despair in the faces of governance. The issue of bankruptcy has escalated and has become the purview of martyrs. The bond pension obligation proposal isn’t going to aid the struggling Fund navigate its way into solvency. Woe! What plateful of mess, huh? Has anybody seen Tony Babauta of OIA?

A day of infamy

By **JAIME VERGARA**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

FR’s oft-misquoted phrase the day after Nippon’s Operation Z on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, is a far cry from the U.S.-Japan joint live fire military exercise to scare the bejeesus out of the Kims of Chosun Koryo.

The United States lassoed Japan and Korea to secure commercial, diplomatic, and military hegemony in the area. The Stars and Stripes Empire, demarcated west of the Marianas Trench, is the most recent imperial force weighted down by delusions of efficacy of military might to earn the respect and admiration of those it has induced into a relationship of dependence and those it thinks it has bullied into abject submission.

Chinese serial TV has an old story of three boys orphaned by Ripon bandits. Two become Shaolin martial arts monks, and the third, an aristocrat, becomes a defense strategist for the throne. The opening scene is a shouted alarm using an ancient term, Wo kou! Wo (people of Kyushu) and kou (bandits) is used almost akin to the Paul Revere warning of the “Red coats are coming,” but carrying a heavier dosage of fear than its Lexington counterpart.

Wo kou continues to be used against the Japanese in current parlance, as if they were feared marauding pirates plying East African waters. With the constant depiction of the gruesome rape of Nanjing in cinema, one would think that a Sino-Nippon war is being waged in perpetuity.

However, Japan, with Brunei and Singapore, are the only nations whose citizens have open access into China’s geography sans visas. Nippingos might be bastards in China’s genealogy but they are recognized on both sides of the channel as having biologically and culturally descended from coastal villages along China Sea.

Japan had both a Spartan (inland military defensive exclusiveness) and Athenian (cultural open port inclusiveness) relationship to China in Manchuria. Alexander managed to combine both traits in his conquests. After Commodore Perry’s visit to old Edo (Tokyo) and the resultant modernization of the Land of the Rising Sun, Ja-

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In 1954, joint military advisers urged President Ike to use nuclear power on China. The American Caesar, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, advocated as much, and to Harry’s credit, dismissed foxhole Doug quickly. We do hold the distinction as being the only nation to use the power of the atom on hapless civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We were tempted to use it again in Vietnam. But our young said no.

Sabers are rattling again in the Far East. Are we due for another day of infamy? U.S. historians have noticed that when an emergent power threatens an established one, conflict ensues. Eleven such transitions have occurred in the last 500 years, eight resulting in wars. The U.S. almost boycotted the Shanghai Expo until someone remarked that our absence would be quite noticeable. We have become so insecure we quiver at a mere Wikileaks’ mouse click. The U.S. economy flourishes with war. Let us hope we do not inflict a day of infamy on anyone, just so we can balance our budget. Or, get Uncle’s Hu and Wen to sit up straight and pay attention.

Letter to the Editor

A stranger in a strange land

Here we go again responding to Mr. Ambrose Bennett’s 360-degree rhetoric. If Mr. Bennett could do us a favor and prescribe in simple terms his thoughts of a utopian or egalitarian society, then we could start seeing what we indigenous people of the CNMI could not see and agree with the idiosyncrasies and stereotypical thoughts he formed about the governance and governed in this land. Otherwise, Mr. Bennett is a stranger in a strange land.

Francisco R. Agulto
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which could boost global sea levels by 16 to 20 feet. And should we continue to pour greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, the far larger ice sheets of eastern Antarctica will begin to melt. If you live anywhere near the world’s coastlines, you don’t want to contemplate that eventuality.

But the melting of Antarctica’s ice is disturbing for another reason. The presence of vast amounts of ice at the poles and in the

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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Micronesia

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Palau	Rain	▲85 ▼76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲84 ▼77
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Kosrae	Rain	▲89 ▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼76

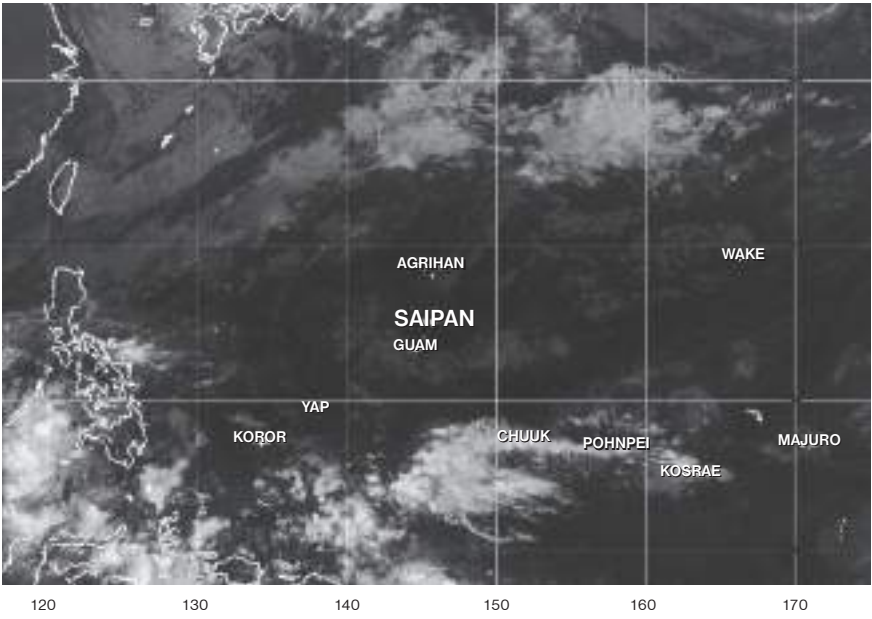
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Honolulu	Showers	▲81 ▼71
London	Mostly Sunny	▲36 ▼25
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Manila	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼74
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Paris	Sunny	▲36 ▼30
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Rome	Showers	▲65 ▼41
Salem	Showers	▲53 ▼46
San Francisco	Rain	▲61 ▼56
Seoul	Sunny	▲38 ▼26
Tokyo	Sunny	▲55 ▼43
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲38 ▼26

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
1:11 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	
10:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	
3:48 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	
8:15 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northward from 1N138E to 5N137E. Another trough extends northeastward from 2N142E to 7N146E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found southeast of Palau and southwest of Chuuk within an area bounded by EQ140E to 5N153E to 9N149E to 5N136E back to EQ140E. A shear line extends southwestward from 25N141E to beyond 19N at 130E. Cloudiness and scattered showers are occurring near Iwo To and along and up to 200 miles northwest of the shear line. A weak surface trough extends northeastward from 5N156E to 14N163E. Scattered showers are found south of the trough axis within 140 miles of a line from 5N161E to 10N164E including Kosrae. Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers near Majuro between 6N and 8N from 170E to 173E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:31 AM	5:46 PM
Thursday	6:31 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:32 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:33 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:33 AM	5:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:31 AM	8:05 PM
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 2010

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily	DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09317/891	2:45am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	7:55am	8:25pm	Daily via NRT
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/933	7:55am	9:40pm	6 via GUM	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/893	7:55am	11:00pm	3 via GUM+Palau	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM+Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	11:00pm	5 via GUM+Palau	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM+Palau
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/C0596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 5, 7 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
				C0934/9596	11:59pm	7:50am+1	4 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN				via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	10:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ606/723	3:20pm	10:35pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0910/9596	11:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tan Holdings, employees go all out for CNMI Toy Drive

The 2010 CNMI Toy Drive got a huge boost in Sunday’s Tan Holdings Christmas party. Employees from Tan Holdings companies donated over 460 toys for the children of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

In addition to the toys collected, Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan donated \$1,500 in Joeten gift certificates on behalf of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Receiving the gift certificates and the toys were CNMI Toy Drive representatives George Cruz of Saipan, Allan Perez of Tinian, and Ross and Julie Manglona of Rota.

Said Tan: “I am extremely grateful to all our employees for sharing a part of their Christmas spirit with the islands. Last Monday, we called on our employees to donate toys for the less fortunate children in the CNMI. By the end of the week, our employees had donated more than 400 toys. I am extremely proud that our company was able to provide such a positive outlet for a child’s energy and creativity. Our employees and



Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, left, donates \$1,500 in Joeten gift certificates on behalf of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation to CNMI Toy Drive representatives George Cruz of Saipan, Allan Perez of Tinian, and Ross and Julie Manglona of Rota during Sunday’s Tan Holdings Christmas party. Employees from Tan Holdings companies also donated over 460 toys for the children of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

our Tan Siu Lin Foundation look forward to helping out as much as we can now and in the future.”

Tan Siu Lin Foundation manager Ed Arriola Jr. added:

“Our president, Jerry Tan, approached our Christmas Party Committee and asked how we could best reach out to the entire CNMI this year. Coincidentally, a few of my friends,

Ed Propst and George Cruz from Saipan, Allan Perez from Tinian, and Julie and Ross Manglona of Rota, all called me within a week to inform me about their toy drives. It was decided that we would reach out to these groups and invite them to our Christmas Party to receive employee-donated toys and \$1,500 worth of Joeten Enterprises gift certificates for the purchase of additional toys. It is our hope that this generosity will motivate others in the community to join this worthy cause, most especially this year when family incomes are down and many parents can only afford basic necessities.”

Toys will be collected through Dec. 18 for the islands’ needy children. Drop off locations include IT&E locations in Garapan and Chalan Laulau, Marianas Health Services, Lollipop’s Toy Store, and Karidat. If you would like to donate toys or need more information, contact Marianas Health Services at 233-4646 or Ed Propst at 287-7883. (PR)



START SMART SEMINAR

Northern Marianas College students, who are also graduates of Tinian Junior Senior High School, answer questions of current Tinian juniors and seniors during a panel discussion on “What is College Like Anyway?” at the recent Tinian Start Smart seminar held on December 1, 2010 at the Tinian Dynasty. The NMC Start Smart seminar is a workshop geared toward educating high school students about various aspects of college. This event was organized by NMC and the CNMI Public School System, and was made possible through federal funds provided by the College Access Challenge Project, a grant program under the United States Department of Education. Following the seminar in Tinian, a Start Smart seminar for Rota High School juniors and seniors will be held this Friday, Dec. 10, 2010. NMC

Deadline nears to submit stories, poems, and essays for anthology

Only one week remains for local writers to put the finishing touches on their short stories, poems, and essays before the deadline to submit writing for the upcoming anthology of Mariana writers, *Stories from Wild Bill’s: Life, Love, and Spicy Tofu*.

According to Wild Bill’s editor Angelo Villagomez, “This is an opportunity for local writers to get published and have their work be available to an international audience.”

Villagomez added, “Our goal is to showcase local talent and in doing so tell some great stories.”

The deadline to submit is Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010. Submissions will be blind reviewed by a panel of editors and writers chosen for publication will receive two copies of the printed book. The first edition is scheduled for a Spring 2011 publication.

Refer questions to Villagomez at wildbillstories@gmail.com. (PR)



WALKING AROUND THE WORLD

International walker Jan Yngve Jorgensen, center, stopped by the Marianas Visitors Authority on Nov. 26, 2010, as he visited Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, for the last leg of a walk through various Asian Pacific countries. In 35 years of walking throughout numerous countries, the Norwegian native and member of the International Federation of Popular Sports has covered the distance of two times around the world. Pictured from left are Mario Espeleta of PDI, Jorgensen, and Manny Aguilar of PDI.



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Jonathan Borja Pangelinan! May you have many more birthdays to come! We hope you enjoy your special day! Greetings come from your family.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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December 06, 2010

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. PAUPAU TOURS	11/16/10 SSm-2010-X-096	FILMING	SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED(11/16/10)*
2. DTC SAIPAN	11/17/10 SSm-2010-X-097	FILMING	SHORELINE AREAS	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED(11/17/10)*
3. SAIPAN WORLD RESORT	11/18/10 SLRm-2010-X-098	SEAWEED & SEAGRASS REMOVAL	SWIMMING ZONE FRONTING SAIPAN WORLD RESORT	LAGOON & REEF APC	APPROVED(11/29/10)*
4. CHALAN KANOA BEACH CLUB	11/18/10 SSm-2010-X-099	TREE TRIMMING	CHALAN KANOA BEACH CLUB	SHORELINE APC	APPROVED(11/23/10)*
5. SAIPAN CREWBOATS, INC.	11/22/10 SPIm-2010-X-100/1	DRYDOCK CELTIC/CAJUN	SOUTH SEAPLANE RAMP	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	APPROVED(11/23/10)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

Business

Obama, GOP reach deal to extend tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—Brushing past Democratic opposition, President Barack Obama announced Monday night on a plan to extend expiring income tax cuts for all Americans, renew jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed and grant a one-year reduction in Social Security taxes.

The emerging agreement also includes tax breaks for businesses that the president said would contribute to the economy's recovery from the worst recession in eight decades.

Obama's announcement marked a dramatic reversal of his long-held insistence, originally laid out in his 2008 campaign, that tax cuts should only be extended at incomes up to \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for couples. He explained his about-face by saying that he still opposed the move and noted the agreement called for a temporary, two-year extension of cuts at all income levels, not the permanent renewal that Republicans have long sought.

At the same time, it signaled the arrival of a new era of divided government following mid-term elections in which Republicans won control of the House and strengthened their hand in the Senate.

"We cannot allow this moment to pass," Obama said.

Officials said that under the plan, unemployment benefits would remain in effect through the end of next year for workers who have been laid off for more than 26 weeks and less than 99 weeks. Without an extension, two million individuals would have lost their benefits over the holidays, the White House said, and seven million would have done so by the end of next year.

The Social Security tax cut would apply to workers, not employers, and would drop from 6.2 percent of pay to 4.2 percent for one year. The White House said the result would be to fatten take-home pay by \$120 billion over the course of the year.

In addition, administration officials emphasized that the agreement would extend a variety of other tax breaks for lower and middle-income families, including the Earned Income Tax Credit and the child tax credit.

The estate tax provision under discussion would mean the first \$5 million would pass tax-free to heirs. Anything over that would be taxed at a rate of 35 percent. Democrats

avored a \$3.5 million threshold, with a 45 percent tax on anything higher.

In a sign of Democratic discontent, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., reacted curtly to the president's announcement.

"Now that the president has outlined his proposal, Senator Reid plans on discussing it with his caucus tomorrow," his spokesman, Jim Manley, said in a written statement.

Top Republicans were far more receptive.

"I appreciate the determined efforts of the president and vice president in working with Republicans on a bipartisan plan to prevent a tax hike on any American and in creating incentives for economic growth," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the GOP leader. In a jab at Democratic lawmakers, he added, "I am optimistic that Democrats in Congress will show the same openness to preventing tax hikes the administration has already shown."

Democrats also objected to an extension of the estate tax that tilted toward the Republican position.

For months, Democrats

have repeatedly raised objections to including the upper-income in any plan to extend tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003 when George W. Bush was president. The Democratic-controlled House recently passed legislation to let the cuts lapse on incomes over \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for couples. On Saturday, Republicans blocked an attempt by Senate Democrats to do the same.

Obama said he personally opposed elements of the deal, such as an extension of expiring income tax cuts at upper income levels and the more generous deal on estates. But he said he decided that an agreement with Republicans was more important than a stalemate that would have resulted in higher income taxes at all levels on Jan. 1.

"Make no mistake, allowing taxes to go up on all Americans would have raised taxes by \$3,000 for a typical American family and that could cost our economy well over a million jobs," he said at the White House.

Obama said the continued political stalemate over taxes amounted to a "chilling prospect for the American people whose taxes are currently scheduled to go up on Jan. 1."

stiff opposition from rivals, consumer watchdogs, academic experts, literary agents and even foreign governments, which worry that Google would get too much power to control prices in the still-nascent market for electronic books. Amazon.com, which started its business as a seller of books over the Internet, is among the competitors trying to squelch the settlement. The U.S. Justice Department has advised the judge overseeing the case that the settlement probably would violate antitrust and copyright laws.

Books bought from Google's store can be read on any machine with a Web browser. There are also free applications that can be installed on Apple Inc.'s iPad and iPhone, as well as other devices powered by Google's own mobile operating system, Android.

But Google's eBooks can't be loaded on to the Kindle.

Gov't announces \$12B profit on Citigroup

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government said late Monday it had reached a deal to sell its remaining holdings of Citigroup common stock and will end up turning a profit of \$12 billion on its bailout of the giant bank.

The Treasury Department said that a final offering of about 2.4 billion shares of Citigroup Inc. common stock had been priced at \$4.35 per share. With the proceeds of the sale, the government will have realized \$57 billion on its bailout package for the big bank.

Citigroup received \$45 billion in taxpayer support late in 2008 in one of the largest bank rescues as the government struggled to contain the worst financial crisis to hit the country since the 1930s.

The bailout of Citigroup and other large banks was begun under the Republican adminis-

tration of George W. Bush but turned into a major political liability for President Barack Obama in last month's congressional elections.

Republicans took control of the House and gained six seats in the Senate by capitalizing on voter anger over the bailouts and soaring federal budget deficits.

The administration has insisted that the bailouts were needed to prevent an even deeper recession. They said the cost of the bailouts has been falling as Citigroup and other rescued institutions pay back their government loans.

The latest estimate from the Congressional Budget Office in late November was that the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program would end up costing the government \$25 billion, down from an August CBO estimate of \$66 billion.

Google opens e-book store in challenge to Amazon

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google Inc. is making the leap from digital librarian to merchant in a challenge to Amazon.com Inc. and its Kindle electronic reader.

The long-awaited Internet book store, which opened Monday in the U.S., draws upon a portion of the 15 million printed books that Google has scanned into its computers during the past six years.

About 4,000 publishers, including CBS Corp.'s Simon & Schuster Inc., Random House Inc. and Pearson PLC's Penguin Group, are also allowing Google to carry many of their recently released books in the new store.

Those publishing deals will ensure that most of the current best sellers are among the 3 million e-books initially available in Google's store, said Amanda Edmonds, who oversaw the company's partnerships. Millions more out-of-print titles will appear in Google's store,



In this screen shot the Google books website is shown. The long-awaited Internet book store opening Monday, Dec. 6, 2010, in the U.S., draws upon a portion of the 15 million printed books that Google has scanned into its computers during the past six years.

called eBooks, if the company can gain federal court approval of a proposed class-action settlement with U.S. publishers

and authors.

The \$125 million settlement has been under review for more than two years. It faces

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Court to look at huge Wal-Mart sex bias lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court will consider whether to keep alive the largest job discrimination case in U.S. history, a lawsuit against Wal-Mart that grew from a half-dozen women to a class action that could involve billions of dollars for more than a half million female workers. Wal-Mart is trying to halt the lawsuit, with the backing of many other big companies concerned about rules for class-action cases—those in which people with similar interests increase their leverage by joining in a single claim. Class actions against discount seller Costco and the tobacco industry are among pending claims that the high court's decision might alter.

'Operation Broken Trust' targets financial fraud

WASHINGTON (AP)—A nationwide law enforcement crackdown targeting financial fraud has led to cases against 343 criminal defendants involving \$8.3 billion in estimated losses, Attorney General Eric Holder announced Monday. "Operation Broken Trust" is

the first national effort of its kind aimed at a broad array of investment fraud schemes and the 3 1/2-month campaign was organized by the Obama administration's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force. The schemes that were uncovered highlight "the pervasiveness of the threat," Shawn Henry, the FBI's executive assistant director, told a news conference.

Government checking 1.1B new \$100 bills for flaws

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government said Monday it will need to check more than 1 billion new \$100 bills because of production problems that have left unwanted creases in many of the notes. Officials of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing said Monday that they are examining 1.1 billion of the new bills to determine how much of the currency will have to be destroyed. Darlene Anderson, a spokeswoman for the bureau, said officials believe a large proportion of the new bills will pass inspection and be placed into circulation. The currency is being held in vaults at the bureau's two printing facilities, one in Washington and the other in Fort Worth, Texas.

STOCK PORTFOLIO



LEADING INDICATORS

DOW

11,362.19
-19.90
-0.17%

S&P

1,223.12
-1.59
-0.13%

NASDAQ

2,594.92
3.46
0.13%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.0124
British Pound	0.6354
Canadian Dollar	1.0051
Chinese Yuan	6.6525
Euro	0.7489

Hong Kong Dollar	7.7661
Indian Rupee	44.8750
Indonesian Rupiah	9,005.5
Japanese Yen	82.9665
Malaysian Ringgit	3.1425
New Zealand Dollar	1.3098

Philippine Peso	43.8200
Singapore Dollar	1.3037
South Korean Won	1,132.475
Swiss Franc	0.9770
Taiwan Dollar	30.1450
Thailand Baht	30.0100

Nation

Teen arrested in Oregon car bomb plot led 2 lives

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP)—The plot described by the FBI was horrific: a 19-year-old Somali-born Muslim with a grudge against the West, ready to kill and maim thousands at a busy Portland Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

But while the FBI describes Mohamed Osman Mohamud as a would-be terrorist, there were few hints of that hidden life to Mohamud's friends, who knew him as "Mo," a quiet, suburban teen who liked to drink gin and play video games.

The teen who allegedly thought he was going to kill thousands of people the day after Thanksgiving in the name of Islamic radicalism is the same one who, three days earlier, wrote and read a Kwanzaa poem about unity with two Christian college students.

Court documents and Mohamud's friends describe the slender Somali-American as juggling contradictory lives—that of an immigrant struggling to fit in and a Muslim who had become radicalized and was bent on holy war.

In a cell phone video obtained and aired by Portland station KPTV last week, Mohamud rants against the West.

"You know what the whole West thing is? They want to insult our religion," he says in

the video, which the station says was recorded May 22 in an OSU dorm room. "They want to take our lands. They want to rape our women."

KPTV won't reveal how it obtained the video, which lasts less than a minute. It is not known who recorded the video, clips of which were provided to KPTV, or what led up to Mohamud's words. His attorney, the police and the FBI have refused to comment about it.

The words don't make sense to friends, who recognized Mohamud in the video.

Shelby Turner, a former OSU classmate, said she remembers "Mo Mo" as a funny if awkward student.

"I remember him always saying 'hi' and giving me nicknames like 'Shelbs,'" Turner told the AP. "He was smart when he wanted to be. But socially, he never fit except with a few other kids like him."

Mohamud was born in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1991. His family was torn apart by the civil war, and his father, Osman Barre, a computer engineering professor at the University of Mogadishu, ended up in the Kenyan refugee camp, unsure if his family was alive.

Portland pastor Sylvia Eagan helped Barre and about 20 family members resettle in the Port-



This recent, undated photo taken from a cell phone video obtained and aired by Portland, Ore., television station KPTV, shows 19-year-old Somali-born Mohamed Osman Mohamud.

land area in 1993.

He told her about his struggle to find his wife, Mariam, a businesswoman, and toddler son. A year or two later, Eagan said she took an "overjoyed" Barre to the airport to pick up his wife.

his son and was very proud of his accomplishments in school as he was growing up," Eagan said. "I'm sure this is devastating, as it would be for any parent."

Mohamud's parents have refused to comment to media. They split up while Mohamud was in high school, according to a neighbor who was also a family friend, though they remained married.

By the age of 15, Mohamud had already started talking about engaging in a holy war, according to the FBI affidavit. During Ramadan in 2006, someone told him about the virtues of martyrdom and he decided then he was willing to sacrifice for the cause, he later told undercover FBI agents.

During his senior year, in 2009, while he was writing for a school magazine and interested in poetry, he also was writing articles for an online magazine called "Jihad Recollections" under the pen name Ibn al-Mubarak, the FBI said. The articles advise holy warriors how they can outlast the enemy—including tips for staying fit in faraway places.

That September, Mohamud started attending Oregon State University, taking classes that could lead him to be an engineer, like his father. Those who lived in his dorm said Mohamud spent his freshman year studying, playing basketball and partying.

Televised gay marriage hearing attracts audience

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The legal fight over California's gay marriage ban went before a federal appeals court Monday in a hearing that reached a nationwide TV audience anxious for a final decision on whether the measure violates the U.S. Constitution.

The hearing before a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also focused on whether supporters of voter-approved Proposition 8 have legal standing to challenge a lower court ruling that the ban was unconstitutional.

The judges did not issue an immediate ruling and no timetable has been set.

C-SPAN piped the nearly three-hour hearing into law schools, courthouses, community centers and elsewhere across the country, giving the public outside the 9th Circuit headquarters in San Francisco its first—and possibly last—direct look at the debate raging in the landmark challenge that could impact gay marriage bans in other states.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court blocked a district court judge in San Francisco from broadcasting the full trial. The Supreme Court has a blanket ban on televising its own

proceedings, meaning future hearings will be blacked out if the gay marriage case reaches the high court, as many legal experts and lawyers on both sides think it might.

Matt Walker, 60, of Los Angeles watched the hearing with about 20 other people at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center in West Hollywood, saying the lives of many of his friends would be affected by the final decision. He found the hearing fascinating.

"Nobody from either side was getting a pass. The judges asked very probing questions," he said.

Only a few people gathered at the San Francisco Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender Community Center to watch the hearing that was broadcast at multiple locations in the city.

"I feel like it's our civil rights issue of today," said Jubilee Menzies, a 33-year-old who recently passed the state bar exam.

Roberto Isaac Ordenana, a spokesman for the center, was pleased the hearing was broadcast so "more people have access to the reality of countless lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their communities."

Elizabeth Edwards gravely ill with cancer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Elizabeth Edwards, stoic as her husband's presidential ambitions collapsed, her marriage crumbled and cancer sapped her strength, thanked her supporters online Monday as word spread the disease may take her life within weeks.

"The days of our lives, for all of us, are numbered," Edwards wrote on her Facebook page. "We know that. And yes, there are certainly times when we aren't able to muster as much strength and patience as we would like. It's called being human. But I have found that in the simple act of living with hope, and in the daily effort to have a positive impact in the world, the days I do have are made all the more meaningful and precious. And for that I am grateful."

The Edwards family issued a statement that said doctors have told Edwards that further treatment for her cancer would be unproductive. And a family friend who is among those who have gathered with Edwards at her North Carolina home told The Associated Press that she is gravely ill.

Edwards was briefly hospitalized last week and received treatment, but doctors have now told her that she may only have up to a couple months of life left, the friend said. The friend spoke on condition of anonymity because of the personal details divulged.

Edwards' estranged husband, former presidential candidate John Edwards, and their three children were at her side at the Chapel Hill home, the friend reported. Her sister, brother, nieces, nephews, former campaign advisers and other friends were also there. The friend said Elizabeth Edwards is not in pain and in good spirits despite the seriousness of her condition.

"It isn't possible to put into words the love and gratitude I feel towards everyone who has and continues to support and inspire me every day. To you I simply say: you know," Edwards, a popular



In this photo taken Sept. 10, 2010, Elizabeth Edwards arrives at the "Stand Up To Cancer" television event at Sony Studios in Culver City, Calif.

figure among Democratic activists, wrote on the Facebook post.

The 61-year-old Edwards separated from her husband after he admitted to an extramarital affair and fathering a child with a campaign videographer. Edwards has battled breast cancer since 2004, diagnosed in the final days of the campaign when her husband was the Democratic vice presidential nominee.

The John Kerry-John Edwards ticket lost to incumbent President George W. Bush. John Edwards launched a second bid for the White House in 2007. The Edwardses decided to continue the campaign after doctors told Elizabeth that her cancer had spread, but he lost the nomination to Barack Obama.

ACROSS THE NATION

Warrant: NC sailor looked to sell military secrets

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—A U.S. Navy sailor stationed at Fort Bragg passed classified documents to someone he thought was a foreign intelligence agent in exchange for cash, according to a federal search warrant. Navy Reserve Intelligence Specialist 3rd Class Bryan Minkyu Martin of Mexico, N.Y., was arrested last week but has not been charged, according to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Martin, 22, is being held in the naval brig in Norfolk, Va., while the investigation continues. Paul O'Donnell, a spokesman for the NCIS, said investigators were confident no classified information was actually delivered to anyone not authorized to see it.

Police: Dad buried 1 child in Miss., other in Ala.

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—A father whose missing children are believed to be dead told investigators he buried one of his young children in Mississippi in March, then buried the other in Alabama in June, police said Monday. John DeBlase, 27, of Mobile, was being held on \$206,000 bond. He is charged with child abuse and corpse abuse. The children's stepmother, Heather Leavell-Keaton, is jailed in Louisville, Ky. on child abuse charges. She will soon be extradited back to Alabama. The couple had been together since 2008 but they were not legally married.

Pilot survives crash that clipped 2 Utah houses

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Authorities said Monday it was a miracle that a pilot survived a plane crash without injuring 17 people inside two houses clipped by the plane's wings and set afire in a northern Utah town. "To have everybody alive, it's pretty amazing," Fire Chief Jon Ritchie told The Associated Press from Roy, about 30 miles north of Salt Lake City. Clayton Roop, 46, of West Haven, was returning Sunday from Lake Powell when he landed about 2,100 feet short of a runway in heavy fog at the Ogden-Hinckley Airport, Ritchie said.

Asia

SKorea to fortify islands near NKorea



South Korean marines unload their supplies from a boat on Yeonpyeong Island, South Korea, Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's president vowed Tuesday to turn five islands along the tense border with North Korea into "military fortresses" with jobs for permanent civilian communities, including those destroyed in a North Korean artillery attack.

President Lee Myung-bak's comments came as the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff flew to Seoul to give reassurances of the U.S. commitment to the country's defense, and as the top diplomats from the U.S., Japan and South Korea gathered in Washington in a show of unity. The diplomats urged the North to stop its "provocative and belligerent" behavior and abandon its nuclear arms program.

Tensions are still high on the Korean peninsula following the Nov. 23 North Korean shelling of Yeonpyeong Island, a tiny enclave of military bases and fishing

communities along the Korea's disputed western sea border. The attack killed two South Korean Marines and two civilians, and reduced many homes and shops to charred rubble.

Lee, in comments posted on his presidential website, said he wanted to "gradually push to make (the five front-line Yellow Sea islands) military fortresses" and to create jobs so local residents can continue to live on all of the islands.

Most of the 1,300 civilians on Yeonpyeong Island have fled, with many now living in a public bathhouse that has been converted into a refugee center in the port city of Incheon.

Lee has been criticized for a military response to the shelling that was deemed too slow and too weak. He has ordered reinforcements for the thousands of South Korean troops stationed

on Yeonpyeong and the four other border islands, as well as top-level weaponry and upgraded rules of engagement.

In Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met Monday with Japanese Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara and South Korean Foreign Minister Kim Sung-hwan. The meeting was meant to demonstrate a serious response to recent North Korean actions, including the island shelling and Pyongyang's announced expansion of a uranium enrichment capability that the United States and others see as a defiant and dangerous step.

North Korea wants to restart international talks on receiving aid in return for dismantling its nuclear program, but Clinton made clear that Washington, Tokyo and Seoul view a resumption of talks as tantamount to rewarding North Korea for behaving badly.

Expert rescuers search for missing Nepal climber

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A team of expert mountain rescuers have begun scouring the slopes of a peak in Nepal searching for a veteran Sherpa guide who has scaled Mount Everest 19 times and went missing last month, officials said Tuesday. Laxman Bhattarai of Nepal's tourism ministry said the team of seven rescuers has already reached 23,380-foot (7,130-meter) Mount Baruntse and has begun to search on foot. Chhewang Nima, 43, and another Nepalese guide have not been seen since they were swept away Oct. 23 by an avalanche while they were fixing ropes near the summit for a team of Western mountaineers who had hired them. The others in the climbing party were unharmed.

China to choose Catholic heads; Vatican ties tense

BEIJING (AP)—China's bishops opened a meeting Tuesday to choose leaders of the government-backed Catholic church amid tensions with the Vatican after it denounced the recent ordination of a bishop who did not have the pope's approval. A religious news agency says Chinese authorities are pressuring some bishops to attend the Beijing meeting. The meeting to elect new heads of the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association and the Council of Chinese Bishops will be another source of friction because the Vatican disapproves of such assemblies, saying both organizations run counter to Catholic doctrine.

Japan probe nears Venus orbit

TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese probe reached Venus on Tuesday and prepared to enter orbit on a two-year mission that would mark a major milestone for Japan's space program and could shed light on the climate of Earth's mysterious neighbor. The probe, called Akatsuki, which means "dawn," would be the first Japan has ever placed in orbit around another planet and comes after the country recently brought a probe back from a sample-catching trip to an asteroid. Scientists said they would know later Tuesday whether the probe had successfully entered its orbit. They said they briefly lost contact with the probe early Tuesday, but that communication had been restored.

World

Assange may surrender to British police

LONDON (AP)—Julian Assange's lawyer was arranging to deliver the WikiLeaks founder to British police for questioning in a sex-crimes investigation of the man who has angered Washington by spilling thousands of government secrets on the Internet.

Lawyer Mark Stephens told reporters in London that the Metropolitan Police had called him to say they had received an arrest warrant from Sweden for Assange. Assange has been staying at an undisclosed location in Britain.

"We are in the process of making arrangements to meet with police by consent," Stephens said Monday, declining to say when Assange's interview with police would take place.

Scotland Yard refused to comment.



Assange

But a spokesman, Col. David Lapan, called the disclosure "damaging" and said it gives valuable information to adversaries.

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The 39-year-old Australian is wanted on suspicion of rape, sexual molestation and unlawful coercion in Sweden, and the case could lead to his extradition. Interpol placed Assange on its most-wanted list on Nov. 30 after Sweden issued an arrest warrant. Last week, Sweden's highest court upheld the detention order.

Assange has denied the accusations, which Stephens has said stem from a "dispute over consensual but unprotected sex." The lawyer has said the Swedish investigation has turned into a "political stunt."

The pressure on WikiLeaks mounted from other quarters Monday: Swiss authorities closed Assange's bank account, depriving him of a key fundraising tool. And WikiLeaks struggled to stay online despite more hacker attacks and resistance from world governments, receiving help from computer-savvy advocates who have set up hundreds of "mirrors"—or carbon-copy websites—around the world.

In one of its most sensitive disclosures yet, WikiLeaks released on Sunday a secret 2009 diplomatic cable listing sites around the world that the U.S. considers critical to its security. The locations include undersea communications lines, mines, food suppliers, manufacturers of weapons components, and vaccine factories.

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a disclosure of some of the most sensitive information yet revealed by WikiLeaks, the website has put out a secret cable listing sites worldwide that the U.S. considers critical to its national security. U.S. officials said the leak amounts to giving a hit list to terrorists.

Among the locations cited in the diplomatic cable from Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton are undersea communications lines, mines, antivenin factories and suppliers of food and manufacturing materials.

The Pentagon declined to comment Monday on the details of what it called "stolen" documents containing classified information.

Egypt's ruling party sweeps parliament vote

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's ruling party won a sweeping victory in parliamentary elections, according to results released Monday, after a final round of voting boycotted by the two main opposition groups in protest of what they said was massive vote-rigging.

Hours before the results were even announced, a coalition of Egyptian rights groups alleging fraud demanded that President Hosni Mubarak annul the elections use his constitutional powers to dissolve the newly elected parliament.

The outcome leaves Mubarak's National Democratic

Party in firm control of the new parliament and its main rivals in the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood completely shut out, as the country gears up for a crucial presidential vote next year.

The security forces carried out a heavy crackdown on the Brotherhood before the vote, rounding up 1,400 supporters. The Brotherhood decided to boycott Sunday's runoff after if failed to win a single seat in a first round it said was marred by irregularities.

The group stunned the ruling party in the last elections, in 2005, by winning 20 percent

of parliament's seats.

This time, Mubarak's party won 83 percent of the seats, according to Monday's final results. If dozens of elected independent candidates join ranks with the NDP, as is expected, the ruling party could control 96 percent of the legislature.

The Brotherhood vowed to continue legal challenges against the results.

"The new parliament has no legitimacy and it must be dissolved," said Brotherhood spokesman Mohammed Morsi. "These polls scandalized the ruling regime while giving a boost to our legitimacy and popularity."

WORLD BRIEFS

Hotel serves as new Ivory Coast presidency

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP)—United Nations peacekeepers laid sandbags and rolled out miles (kilometers) of razor wire Monday to protect the aging hotel that has become the de facto presidency of the man who most of the world says won Ivory Coast's presidential election. A U.N. tank also took position on one side of the lagoon-facing hotel and armored personnel carriers were strategically guarding the parking lot as Alassane Ouattara held his first cabinet meeting inside a hotel room. Across town in the real presidential palace, incumbent Laurent Gbagbo continued to defy calls from the United States, France and the European Union to step down.

Tough UN climate talks move into decisive week

CANCUN, Mexico (AP)—U.N. climate talks moved into their decisive week Monday with the agenda dominated by future cuts in carbon emissions and keeping countries honest about their actions to control global warming. Government ministers arrived in force to begin applying political muscle to negotiations that in the past week have

narrowed some disputes, but which are likely to leave the toughest decisions for the final hours of the 193-nation conference on Friday. Delegates were feeling pressure to produce at least a modest agreement from the two-week U.N. meeting to restore credibility to the talks after the last summit in Copenhagen failed to agree on any binding action to rein in emissions of global-warming gases.

23 bodies recovered in Colombian landslide

BELLO, Colombia (AP)—Rescue workers recovered 23 bodies but said more than 100 people remained missing and feared dead Monday following a landslide that buried a poor Medellin suburb amid Colombia's heaviest rains in decades. The rains that triggered Sunday's landslide in the suburb of Bello have also driven thousands from their homes, damaged coffee and flower crops and snarled the two-lane highways that are mountainous Colombia's commercial backbone. "Among the 23 bodies recovered are 11 children," said John Rendon, disaster coordinator for Antioquia state, where Bello is located. Local authorities said nine of the children were playing in a park when the landslide struck.

Focus

The woman stepped off Hadda Street into a pair of courier offices in Yemen's capital. In FedEx and UPS storefronts tucked along shopping centers and travel agencies in San'a, she mailed two Hewlett-Packard printers to the United States.

She used a fake name, address and phone number. She paid in cash. Then she disappeared.

Hidden inside each printer was a bomb powerful enough to down an airplane.

Authorities believe it was the most sophisticated effort yet by al-Qaida in Yemen to strike inside the U.S. Though details are still emerging, a senior U.S. official said evidence points to a plot to blow up cargo planes inside the U.S., either on runways or over American cities.

Alerted to the plot by Saudi intelligence, security officials chased the two packages across five countries, trying frantically over the next two days to prevent an explosion that could have come at any moment.

Several times, the explosive packages were in plain sight. Twice, a bomb was aboard a passenger plane. Once, authorities were just minutes too late to stop a cargo jet with a bomb from departing for its next destination.

The pursuit—recounted to The Associated Press by officials in the U.S., Britain, Yemen, Germany and the United Arab Emirates—shows that even when the world's counterterrorism systems work, preventing an attack is often a terrifyingly close ordeal.

For al-Qaida, the two bombs were a significant upgrade over the small device that failed to detonate inside a passenger's underwear on a U.S.-bound jet last Christmas. This time, the bombers packed four times the explosives.

Instead of relying on a suicide bomber to ignite the fuse, the bombmaker wired these devices to explode using the alarm function of two cell phones. The phones were wired to syringes full of lead azide, a powder that takes only a small electric charge to explode.

The printer cartridges were filled with PETN, an industrial explosive that, when X-rayed, would resemble the cartridge's ink powder. Used in heavy construction, PETN is stable enough to endure the jostling of a trans-Atlantic flight but extremely volatile if triggered by a small explosion.

Bomb experts say the cell phone alarm probably would have sent an electrical charge into the syringe, heating a filament and igniting the lead azide. That would trigger the PETN.

U.S. counterterrorism officials believe it was the work of al-Qaida's master bombmaker in Yemen, Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, who's been linked to the Christmas plot.

UPS and FedEx employees screened the packages in Yemen, according to two U.S. officials who, like most people interviewed, spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

In Yemen, cargo screening is done manually, one official said. Employees looked at the contents of the packages but never took the printer apart.

Both packages were cleared for delivery.

It was a breakdown in the first line of defense in the cargo system. The U.S. doesn't inspect international



A FedEx employee sorts packages next to his truck, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010 in New York. AP

Around the world, a race against time bombs in air

By MATT APUZZO, EILEEN SULLIVAN and DAVID RISING
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packages until they arrive, relying instead on shipping companies to do the screening.

The addresses on the packages were outdated locations for two Chicago synagogues. The recipients were figures from the Crusades and the Spanish Inquisition—historic episodes in which Christians persecuted Muslims.

For these reasons, officials believe al-Qaida never intended the bombs to be delivered and hoped instead for an airplane explosion.

The packages were dropped off Wednesday, Oct. 27. The FedEx bomb was loaded aboard a passenger jet, a Qatar Airways plane that seats 144. It left Yemen on Oct. 28, for Doha, Qatar. The UPS bomb left Yemen early that same evening, headed to Cologne, Germany.

As Thursday evening turned to Friday morning in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the CIA station received an urgent call from Saudi intelligence. Two bombs were being shipped from Yemen, bound for the United States. One was UPS, the other FedEx, and the Saudis had both the tracking numbers.

The AP is not reporting some details about the tip at the request of intelligence and administration officials who said doing so would jeopardize national security.

A senior CIA official in Riyadh relayed the tip to the agency's headquarters in Virginia, where it was early Thursday evening.

CIA officials called the White House, and homeland security adviser John Brennan briefed President Barack Obama, who was in his living quarters.

The FBI called FedEx and UPS, which had participated in a government terrorism drill in August. The

exercise: A homemade bomb slipped onto a cargo plane.

U.S. and Saudi authorities put Europe on alert. Britain's intelligence division, MI-6, also received a tip through its office in Yemen.

U.S. authorities had been monitoring steady intelligence on a possible attack like this since early September, a U.S. official said. In early October, the U.S. received a general tip from the Saudis about a possible al-Qaida effort to down airplanes, intelligence officials said.

Also in late September, authorities intercepted a package from Yemen containing papers, books and other items sent to a Chicago-area Muslim bookstore, a senior U.S. official said. At the time, counterterrorism officials thought perhaps the package included coded messages or was intended to set up contact with allies in Chicago, the official said.

Now, investigators believe al-Qaida just wanted to track the package and see how long it took to get into the U.S. so it could time its bombs more effectively.

The official did not identify the bookstore, but FBI and Internal Revenue Service investigators have recently taken an interest in IQRA International Educational Foundation, a nonprofit Islamic foundation that runs a Chicago-area bookstore.

Financial manager Wahaj Ahmed said this past week that IRS auditors showed up about a month ago to inspect the books. That was around the time the group received a FedEx envelope from a company wanting to do business with IQRA.

The company was based in Yemen, he said.

The FBI arrived a few days ago, ask-

ing questions about the envelope.

"They said anything emanating from that area, they were tracking it," Ahmed said.

With U.S. intelligence on notice, officials in Saudi Arabia summoned the local liaison for Germany's Federal Criminal Police into a meeting to discuss the bombs.

When the meeting began, a senior German official said, it was 1:34 a.m. Friday in Germany and the UPS bomb was sitting at the airport in Cologne, waiting to leave for England.

The liaison officer hurriedly called Germany and authorities rushed to stop the plane. At 2:40 a.m., police ordered that the package could not leave the country.

It was too late. The cargo plane had taken off 36 minutes earlier.

There had never been a chance to spot the bomb in Germany. UPS is among several "safe" companies, German officials said, so the packages weren't inspected.

The plane was on its way to central England. On the ground, officials didn't know for sure whether a bomb was on board, and if so, when it would go off.

It is a 90-minute flight from Cologne to East Midlands, England.

At the White House, Brennan began calling U.S. intelligence leaders to brief them about the plot.

The FBI called Jewish organizations in the Chicago area, a U.S. official said, and placed two locations under surveillance.

When the UPS plane landed in England, it was just after 10 p.m. Thursday in Washington and 3 a.m. Friday in England. The bombs had begun their journey more than 24 hours before and

neither had been found.

British investigators were waiting for plane, tipped off by Saudi, U.S. and German officials. Leicestershire police set up a security perimeter and pulled the package off the plane. Police searched the plane, and even the printer, for hours but found nothing.

Pauline Neville-Jones, British minister of state security, was briefed and Brennan spoke with British Deputy Security Adviser Ollie Robbins. But at 10 a.m. local time, after nearly seven hours of search, police concluded there was no explosive.

The UPS plane was cleared for takeoff to Philadelphia, and on to Chicago.

While British police were searching the UPS package, the FedEx bomb arrived in Dubai aboard a passenger plane from Qatar, where it had spent the night.

Dubai police, having been tipped off to the package, discovered the bomb shortly after it arrived, according to a UAE official security source. The sun was coming up Friday morning in Washington as investigators in Dubai got the first look at al-Qaida's deadly device.

The U.S. banned all inbound cargo from Yemen.

At 8:30 a.m. in Washington, the government alerted all cargo carriers: Someone is trying to ship explosives from Yemen into the U.S., and we don't know how many there are.

In England, police gave the all-clear. Despite not finding the bomb, authorities cleared the plane for takeoff for Philadelphia, and on to Chicago.

Before it could leave, however, British officials were told about the discovery in Dubai and were urged to look again. Brennan and Robbins spoke by phone a second time, and Dubai officials told British police exactly how to locate the bomb.

At 2 p.m. local time, nearly 12 hours after the UPS bomb arrived in England, police put the security perimeter back in place and resume the search.

Brennan and Robbins talked a third time, then Brennan called Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, a crucial but sometimes unreliable ally in the U.S.-led effort to wipe out al-Qaida.

At the White House, the plot was a centerpiece of President Barack Obama's morning security briefing.

Exactly when police in England discovered the bomb remains unclear, but authorities there removed the security perimeter and left the airport at 5:30 p.m. local time.

By then the search was on for all packages coming out of Yemen. FBI and Transportation Security Administration officials boarded cargo planes in Philadelphia and Newark, N.J., on Friday, pulling out packages and searching for bombs.

TSA said the searches were done "out of an abundance of caution." But at the White House and in capitals around the world, the question was more urgent. Are there more bombs?

Homeland Security officials alerted Jewish leaders around the country, through what's known as the Secure Community Network, that synagogues should be on the lookout for suspicious packages from Yemen.

UPS, FedEx and Mideast-based shipper Aramex put a halt to all shipments out of Yemen.

Campus Life

Fewer 16-year-olds applying for driver's license

By GEORGIA EAST
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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—Once a symbol of independence, today fewer teens are racing to get their driver's licenses when they turn 16.

That's mixed news for their parents, who may bemoan a few more years of chauffeur duty but who also delay insurance sticker shock. And it may be good news for the rest of us. Experts say the streets should be safer overall because fewer teens on the road mean fewer accidents.

"This is huge because the biggest killer of our young people is car crashes," said Glen Victor, spokesman for the Florida Safety Council.

Only 30.7 percent of 16-year-olds nationwide got their driver's licenses in 2008, compared with 44.7 percent in 1988, according to federal data released earlier this year. Florida experienced a drop from 58 percent to 55 percent over the past three years. And while Broward and Palm Beach counties don't keep comparable statistics, driving instructors in the area say they've noticed a similar downward trend.

"A lot of teens are very scared to drive," said Craig Emerson, owner of Abbott's Florida Driving School, which offers lessons in Palm Beach and Broward counties. "We haven't seen a complete drop-off but more are waiting."

The trend is the same among boys and girls.

There are several reasons for this, experts say.

Safety is frequently cited as a major concern. According to a 2008 U.S. Department of Transportation report, teenagers have the highest fatal crash rate of any age group, and crashes are the leading cause of death among 15- to 20-year-olds.

Other reasons: between texting and Facebook, teens find it easier to stay in touch without face-to-face contact. A Kaiser Family Foundation study published in January found that total media use among 8- to 18-year-olds increased from six hours, 21 minutes daily in 2004 to seven hours, 38 minutes in 2009.

In addition, "teens are involved in so many electives and out-of-school activities that for some of them driving is not the first thing on their priority list,"



"NO, YELLOW DOES NOT MEAN SPEED THROUGH THE INTERSECTION!"

said Kyle Dailey, core curriculum specialist at Broward Schools.

And with the economic downturn, fewer kids have access to cars at home, which is quelling their thirst for a license.

Then there are the costs associated with driving. Insurance for teens is higher than for any other age group, in part because they have the greatest number of accidents, said Loretta Worters, with the Insurance Information Institute in New York City.

According to Carinsurance.com, annual premiums average about \$2,200.

"When the economy is in the tank, driving among teens will go down because people have less money to spend on gas and insurance," said Rob Foss, director of the Center for Study of Young Drivers, in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Melody Hornbeck, 17, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., said she wasn't ready to get her permit at 15.

"I was mature enough to tell myself I wasn't mature enough to drive," said Hornbeck.

She said a friend of hers rear-ended another car while fiddling with a cell phone headset.

Hornbeck is taking driver's education courses and plans to take the test early next year.

"My family said as long as you need us to drive you somewhere, we will," she said. "I don't think any parent is super-excited for their kids to start driving."

While some parents say they're ready for their teens to drive, many acknowledge being worried.

"When my daughter turned 15, she waited," said Linda Weiss, of Boca Raton, Fla. "I decided I was not going to say anything. I followed her lead."

Her daughter, Lexi Weiss, 16, now has a permit and plans to get her license at 17.

Lexi Weiss said a combination of factors led her to wait. She lacked motivation at first, and then "my brother had been in a car accident."

The U.S. Department of Transportation said crashes killed 2,739 teen drivers and injured 228,000 in 2008, the latest figures available. Drivers ages 15-20 make up 6 percent of motorists but account for 12 percent of those involved in fatal crashes and 14 percent of those involved in police-reported crashes.

GCA'S PGFC WINNERS



Grace Christian Academy students had a successful performance at the Primary Grade Forensic Conference held on Dec. 4, 2010, at the Hopwood Junior High School.

Grace Christian Academy congratulates its award: winning students for their successful performance at the Primary Grade Forensic Conference held on Dec. 4, 2010, at the Hopwood Junior High School.

K: 2 Division

Dramatic Interpretation B

Juruel Magtalas: 3rd Place

Impromptu Speaking A

Clerisse Dacumos: 1st Place

Impromptu Speaking B

Richard Steele: 1st Place

Joshua Pajarillaga: 3rd Place

Cindylou Lacbayo: 4th Place

Luis Jerome Gaspar: 5th Place

Readers Forum Masters B

Anna Nunez: 5th Place

Readers Forum Masters C

Miku Kimura: 5th Place

Readers Forum Masters D

Clerisse Dacumos: 5th Place

Readers Forum A

Patrick Aldan: 2nd Place

Readers Forum B

Cindylou Lacbayo: 3rd Place

3: 5 Division

Choral Speaking A

Claudilyn Lacbayo: 5th Place

Jasmine Phan: 5th Place

Marcelo Masilungan Jr.: 5th Place

Seung Jae Kim: 5th Place

Steven Ha: 5th Place

Duo Interpretation A

SheriJean Dela Cruz: 3rd Place

Jasmine Phan: 3rd Place

Duo Interpretation C

Miku Matsumura: 5th Place

Dianne Doris Arnold: 5th Place

Dramatic Interpretation A

Yasmin Angela Marcelo: 1st Place

Dramatic Interpretation B

Esther Kim: 2nd Place

Humorous Interpretation A

Alfie Madlambayan: 1st Place

Robert Hanrey Schorr: 3rd Place

Readers Forum Masters A

Claudilyn Lacbayo: 2nd Place

Seung Jae Kim: 5th Place

Readers Forum Masters A

Yuki Anna Dela Cruz: 1st Place

Yasmin Angela Marcelo: 2nd Place

Jim Michael Ham: 3rd Place

Riley Anne Buenaventura: 4th Place

Readers Forum Masters D

Robert Hanrey Schorr: 2nd Place

Matt Jason Moran: 4th Place

Readers Forum Masters E

Miku Matsumura: 1st Place

Impromptu Speaking A

Marcelo Masilungan Jr.: 2nd Place

Impromptu Speaking B

Matt Jason Moran: 2nd Place

Alfie Madlambayan: 3rd Place

Jim Michael Ham: 4th Place

Riley Anne Buenaventura: 5th Place

Teachers/Coaches

Sheryl Edralin: K4

Miriam Dilse: K: 5

Leah Garfil: 1st Grade

Judy Kim: 2nd Grade

Josh Zwicker: 3rd Grade

Esther Manzano: 4th Grade

Kelly Dawe: 5th Grade

GCA PGFC Coordinator:

Esther Manzano

Vice Principal/Guidance Counselor:

Beth Ann Nunez

Principal: Marsha Owens

GCA PGFC staff/volunteers/judges

Wesley Ames, Al Madlambayan, Ji-

maela Ham, Angela Faith Mamaril,

Glen Paul Florendo, Terrence Ho, Ed-

ward Kim, Michael Jang, Adrian Yue,

Katrina Punzalan, Hanako Shirata,

Trixie Achas



NEW LIBRARY PATRONS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Students from the Tinian Grace Christian Academy have their picture taken after attending a workshop on how to use the community library.



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Lorna Cruz and Carmen DelaCruz of the Tinian Public Library help students check out books after getting their own library card.

Life & Style

Palin goes camping with Kate plus 8 Gosselin kids

By **FRAZIER MOORE**
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NEW YORK (AP)—Reality TV mom Kate Gosselin and her eight kids appeared on “Sarah Palin’s Alaska,” going on a camping trip with the Republican politician and her family.

“How would you like to go camping with Kate and her eight kids—that TV show you watch?” Sarah Palin asks her daughter, Piper, at the start of the latest episode.

Piper squeals with delight at the idea of hanging with these reality TV stars. Palin’s and Gosselin’s shows air on the same cable network, TLC.

As things develop, the camping trip in the Alaskan wilds will be no day at the beach for Kate. But it makes for a hilarious hour of Palin’s show.

For a few fleeting moments, it seems she will savor her visit with the Palin family. She instantly bonds with Sarah, as they compare notes on the predatory nature of the media.

“There’s not a whole lot of people that I run into that can understand the scrutiny (by) the media and beyond,” says Kate, whose crumbling marriage to Jon Gosselin was documented on “Jon & Kate Plus 8” while it spurred a feeding frenzy from the tabloid press.

Now, single mom Kate and her kids just happened to be in Alaska taping one of her “Kate Plus 8” specials, which occasioned their guest spot with the Palins.

The first stop: Sarah takes Kate to a bear safety class to prepare her for their camping expedition.

On the road from Palin’s hometown of Wasilla to the class in Anchorage, Sarah sort-of jokes that, in case of a bear attack, “You need a partner with you who’s slower than you.”

“Oh, my gosh!” replies Kate, who already was spooked by the bear rug in the Palins’ home. “Sacrifice your friends?”

At the rifle range, she looks more miserable than she used to look with Jon.

And that’s only the beginning.

The day of the camping trip, it’s—wouldn’t you know?—pouring rain.

Out in the middle of nowhere by a stream and surrounded by mountains, Sarah is smiling, chipper and (literally) loaded for bear.

“Rain or shine, Alaskans still camp. We still find a way to have fun,” she chirps.

Then Kate and her kids land at the campsite. Quickly, Kate’s mood takes another downward turn.

“I’m not worrying about bears right now,” she is soon grouching. “I’m just



In this July 2010 photo released by TLC, former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, left, shakes hands with Gosselin twins, Cara, right, and Mady, as their mother Kate Gosselin looks on as the Palins and the Gosselins go on a camping trip in Coffee Creek, Alaska, during a taping of “Sarah Palin’s Alaska.” The Gosselin-Palin camping trip episode will air on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 9 p.m. EST on TLC. AP

worried about keeping my toes wigglin’ ‘cause they’re freezing.”

Sarah, daughters Piper and Willow, husband Todd and other family members seem to be having a blast. So, for that matter, are Kate’s youngsters.

“The kids are having fun, so I’m tolerating it, but this is my new home,” grumbles Kate, having sullenly planted herself, apart from the rest, beneath a tarp. “I am miserable, but, I mean, somebody’s got to be.”

Sarah, ever gung-ho, announces to the group, “This is the most luxurious camping spot I’ve ever seen!”

Cut to Kate, who tells the camera, “It just kills me that people, like, willingly do this.”

Fast chat with ‘All Good Things’ star Kirsten Dunst

By **JOSEPH F. AMODIO**
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK—Kirsten Dunst has been busy. No, not making another “Spider-Man” film. (Three’s plenty.) The actress will be seen in several intriguing new films, starting with “All Good Things,” a true-crime thriller based on an infamous case.

The film, co-starring Ryan Gosling, was directed by Andrew Jarecki, who captured the unexpected underbelly of suburban life with his documentary “Capturing the Friedmans.” Here, Dunst plays a working-class Long Islander who falls for a handsome young man (Gosling) struggling to get out from under the thumb of his malevolent, real estate magnate dad (Frank Langella). The story is inspired by the case of Kathie Durst, who went missing in 1982, leaving her husband, Robert, under a cloud of suspicion.

Dunst, 28, who earned a Golden Globe nomination at age 11 (for “Interview With a Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles”), has also enjoyed star turns in films like “The Virgin Suicides” and “Bring It On” (not deep, true, but fun).

Q. What did you think when director Andrew Jarecki first gave you this script?

A. I can’t believe it’s a true story. It was chilling. And so well-written. And what a great role. I knew this was something where I could really let loose. We spent like eight weeks in rehearsal, breaking down each scene.

Q. That’s pretty unusual, for a film to have so much rehearsal time.

A. Very. As an actor you want roles



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Kirsten Dunst arrives at the 79th Academy Awards at the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles, California, Sunday, February 25, 2007.

like this, where you can have a wide range of feelings. And not feel like you have to be this cute girl in a box, and the most important thing is that you’re in a tight outfit. A lot of female roles—it’s hard, that transition in your twenties. Ultimately, this was a pretty cathartic experience.

Q. I have to ask ... because women across America want to know ...

A. Yes, I know the question. (She chuckles.) What was it like ...

Q. ... kissing Frank Langella?

A. Exactly. He’s pretty hot. Nah, you know who I’m talking about. That Gosling guy. He’s fine. He’s cute. (She laughs.) Y’know what it is with Ryan—he’s charming. He charms all the ladies. He’s sweet and ... like, goofy. He has so many great sides to him. And also this really dark side he can bring out. And I think that’s what makes him a great actor.

Q. Your other projects sound intense. Like Lars von Trier’s “Melancholia,” due out next year.

A. That was cool. I love Lars.

Q. His films are hard to describe: dark, weird ... a tad misogynistic?

A. It’s funny—that’s ... really the opposite of what I experienced. He was so kind and funny. And he has this whole team that he’s worked with since film school. It’s such a family. I had the best time.

Q. Then there’s “Upside Down.”

A. That has major special effects. It’s a romance that takes place in two different worlds that can see each other but are held to their own gravity.

Q. Ohhh, another one of those held-to-their-own-gravity romances.

A. (She laughs.) It’s gonna look pretty crazy. They explain it as a sci-fi romance, which I think is totally wrong. It’s more a Terry Gilliam vibe, with a beautiful, weird set design. It’ll be very unexpected.

Q. Then “On the Road.” Ever read the (Jack Kerouac) book?

A. I read it when I was 16—and recently I listened to it on tape with my dad on a road trip we took together. My father’s from Germany, so we hung out with family—then we went all over southern Germany. We had some long drives through Bavaria, Munich, and we saw Neuschwanstein, this big castle where King Ludwig lived. We had fun. A good bonding

father-daughter trip.

Q. What did your dad think of this quintessentially American story?

A. My dad lived a very different life—he graduated summa cum laude, and worked his butt off to make it in America. Here, we’re listening to this book and all these kids are, well, he’s like, “All they do is get wasted ...” (She chuckles.) He, like, didn’t get it. But I was like, “It’s written so poetically. It’s not for you, maybe, but it’s a really important book.” It was funny, and great,

Q. Any holiday plans?

A. Christmas is one of my favorite times of year. There’s gingerbread competitions. We do a tree-trimming party at my mom’s house. And my girlfriends and I have a tradition—we throw a prom, like a winter formal. We get a cheap room at some hotel or funky bar, we decorate, get a DJ ...

Q. Sounds hilarious.

A. Yeah. It’s super silly, and dorky. But, well ... I get into the holidays.

Michael Chabon to head board of artist colony

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Chabon, novelist, screenwriter and father of four, has a new responsibility.

He has been elected chairman of the board of the directors of the MacDowell Colony, the century-old artist residency program based in New Hampshire. Chabon, best known for his Pulitzer Prize-winning “The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay,” replaces Robert MacNeil, author and television newsman who is retiring Monday after serving 17 years. MacNeil turns 80 in January.

“Like anything you do for a very long time, it’s time to move on,” MacNeil told The Associated Press on Monday during a joint interview with Chabon.

Chabon, 47, has been a resident nine times at MacDowell, where he wrote part of “Kavalier & Clay,” and said that he was eager to contribute to an institution that had done so much for him. He said he had been offered the position two years ago, but turned it down because his

children were still too small. Now, with the youngest 7, he is ready to make the occasional trip East from his home in Berkeley, California, where he lives with fellow writer Ayelet Waldman.

“I feel such a sense of obligation and debt to the place,” he said. “I’m far more productive there than anywhere else. I get more done there in two weeks than I would in three or four months at home. You’ve built up all this energy. It’s like getting a hose unkinked. I don’t think I ever had a stay at MacDowell that didn’t include one breakthrough.”

MacDowell was founded in 1907 as the fulfillment of a dying wish of composer Edward MacDowell, who had loved spending summers in Peterborough and wanted other creative people to have the same experience. The colony has been a refuge for such artists as Thornton Wilder, who wrote “Our Town” there, and Jonathan Franzen, who worked on his novel “The Corrections.” George Gershwin composed part of “Porgy and Bess” at the same studio where Chabon has often worked.



Chabon

Oprah hosts Franzen, makes new book club pick

By CARYN ROUSSEAU
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP)—Oprah Winfrey and author Jonathan Franzen have put their rocky past behind them.

Franzen appeared on Monday's "The Oprah Winfrey Show," embracing his host after she chose his bestselling novel "Freedom" for her popular book club. Winfrey did not have Franzen on her show nine years ago, when his previous novel "The Corrections" was a book club selection, because he called some of her choices "schmaltzy."

Winfrey said Monday she didn't have Franzen on her show then because she didn't want him to feel "uncomfortable."

Franzen, 51, who is widely regarded as one of his generation's leading fiction writers, was branded as a snob for the comment even though he apologized quickly and repeatedly.

"I spoke in very long sentences, and then little pieces of those sentences sounded bad, and your feelings were probably, understandably, hurt," Franzen told Winfrey on Monday.

He also told her he considers himself a "Midwest egalitarian" and not a snob.

"My idea of the book I want to write, the book I want to read, is one that ev-

erybody can find a way to connect to," Franzen said. "That's really what I've devoted my whole career to."

The pair discussed Franzen's writing process, how he started writing "Freedom" and his visit with President Barack Obama.

"Bottomline is, I'm happy to have you," Winfrey said.

"I'm happy to be here," Franzen replied.

Winfrey said in September that she read "Freedom" after Franzen sent her a copy during the summer along with a note. She said she considered it a "tour de force" after the first chapter and called it a "masterpiece." Released in late August, "Freedom" was virtually canonized by critics before publication and has topped best-seller lists. Franzen was the subject of a Time Magazine cover story, titled "Great American Novelist."

Also Monday, Winfrey announced her 65th book club selection would be a combination of two Charles Dickens classics, "A Tale of Two Cities" and "Great Expectations."

The two novels have been issued in a single bound Penguin paperback edition of about 800 pages with a list price of \$20. The electronic version, also from Penguin, sells for \$7.99.

No happy feet for Christina Aguilera in film debut

TOKYO (AP)—Singer Christina Aguilera says she learned one important thing from her movie debut: A dancer's feet aren't sexy.

The star of the new movie "Burlesque," a song-and-dance extravaganza about a small-town girl trying to make it big, said Monday that she felt doubly challenged by the acting and dancing demands of the lead role of Ali Rose, and she was at first inclined to turn it down.

Aguilera said although she is accustomed to dancing when she performs on stage, she considers herself first and foremost a singer.

"I was scared of being out there with real, professional dancers," Aguilera, who has won four Grammy awards, said at a news conference ahead of the film's Tokyo premiere. "It's harder than

it looks."

"Probably the unsexiest thing is to see a dancer's feet," she said. "After dancing for 17 or 18 hours a day every day, your feet are just bruises and calluses."

The movie also features Cher, who, at 64, is marking her first major feature-film role since 1999's "Tea With Muscolini," and Kristen Bell, formerly star of the hit TV series "Veronica Mars."

Director-writer Steven Antin said he had to convince a worried Aguilera that she had enough acting and dancing in her for the role. But, he said, she quickly rose to the occasion.

"Christina has an extraordinary innate acting ability," he said. "She had many reservations. I believed she could do it. I watched her do it every day."

"That was a great relief—I really needed her to be happy," he said.

Johnny Cash jumpsuit brings \$50,000 at auction

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"The Man in Black" was dressed in blue as he rehearsed for a 1969 concert at San Quentin.

The embroidered blue jumpsuit that Johnny Cash wore to practice caused a bidding war during a memorabilia auction Sunday, bringing in nearly 10 times what was expected.

The suit was expected to sell for \$5,000, but was eventually claimed for \$50,000 by a collector from Belgium, said Darren Julien, president and CEO of Julien's Auctions in Beverly Hills. He would not name the buyer.

The auction of 321 lots sold for over \$700,000, nearly twice what was expected, Julien said Monday.

The late country singer was photographed in the suit giving a concert photographer "The Finger."

That photo was used in a 1998 Billboard magazine ad purchased by Cash's record company to sarcastically thank Nashville and country radio after he received a best country album Grammy for "Unchained."

Because he performed at prison so often and led a rather rowdy life early in his career, many people believed he served time in prison. He did not, although he battled drug addiction over the years and received a suspended jail sentence in 1965 on a misdemeanor narcotics charge in Texas.

Because the copyright has long expired on the 19th-century novels, they are available through a variety of publishers and retailers. "Great Expectations" can be downloaded for free on Amazon.com's Kindle reader. "A Tale of Two Cities" costs 99 cents on Barnes & Noble's e-book device, the Nook. The novels also can be downloaded for free through the new Google bookstore.

The Associated Press reported the picks Sunday after purchasing a copy of the new Dickens volume, which has Winfrey's book club logo on the cover.

"Dickens for the holidays because it's the best of times, readers," Winfrey said.

Winfrey said on Monday's show that she has never read Dickens before.

"Normally, I only choose books that

I've read, but I must shamefully admit to you all that I have never read Dickens," she told her audience.

Oprah's Book Club has nearly 2 million online members, according to Harpo Productions. Winfrey has said she will take the book club with her when she moves to her new cable station, the Oprah Winfrey Network, which launches Jan. 1.

As 'Harry Potter' films end, Tom Felton moves on (but would be happy to return)

By GEOFF BOUCHER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BURBANK, Calif.—In the first "Harry Potter" film, released nine years ago this month, there's a signature early moment at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry with the Sorting Hat ceremony, in which a sentient magical hat is placed on the head of each student to judge them for membership in one of the school's four houses. In the scene, the hat—which has a face inside the folds of its brown, furrowed peak—hesitates with some students but makes an instant decision when it touches the blond hair of Draco Malfoy, who clearly belongs in the sinister ranks of Slytherin.

On a recent blue-sky afternoon in Burbank, the hat and Malfoy were reunited on the Warner Bros. lot. "Oh, I remember this old man," actor Tom Felton, now 23, said as he picked up the floppy hat that is part of a "Potter" props and costume exhibit for tourists. The London native started to put the hat on and then, with a faraway expression, decided it was best to just put it back with the other museum pieces.

A little later he said: "We're all ready to move on. The experience has been amazing, to say the least, but it's exciting to go on to something new."

The opening weekend of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows—Part 1," the seventh film in the series, pulled in a huge \$339 million in worldwide box office, and fans are already bemoaning the fact that they have to wait until summer for the eighth and final film based on the J.K. Rowling novels about an orphaned boy-wizard and his friends. For the young stars of the franchise, Felton among them, these are bittersweet days for a different reason: With all principal photography complete, they have graduated from Hogwarts but aren't sure if the rest of their acting careers can live up to the magic of their youth.

At the moment, no one has more film projects lined up than Felton, who has three movies between now and the end of 2011, not counting the "Potter" finale. The month before the release of "Deathly Hallows—Part 2," Felton will star opposite James Franco, John Lithgow and Andy Serkis in "Rise of the Apes," the high-profile Fox revival of the "Planet of the Apes" property that is set in modern day and introduces a genetic-engineering premise to the familiar mythology of an Earth gone ape. Felton also has the collegiate sports film "Beyond the Rough" and, next September, "The Apparition," a sci-fi thriller in which a dangerous campus experiment leads to contact with the afterlife.

Oscar-nominated screenwriter Steve Kloves, who wrote seven of the eight "Potter" scripts, said Felton leaves the franchise as one of the sparkling graduates of the magical set.

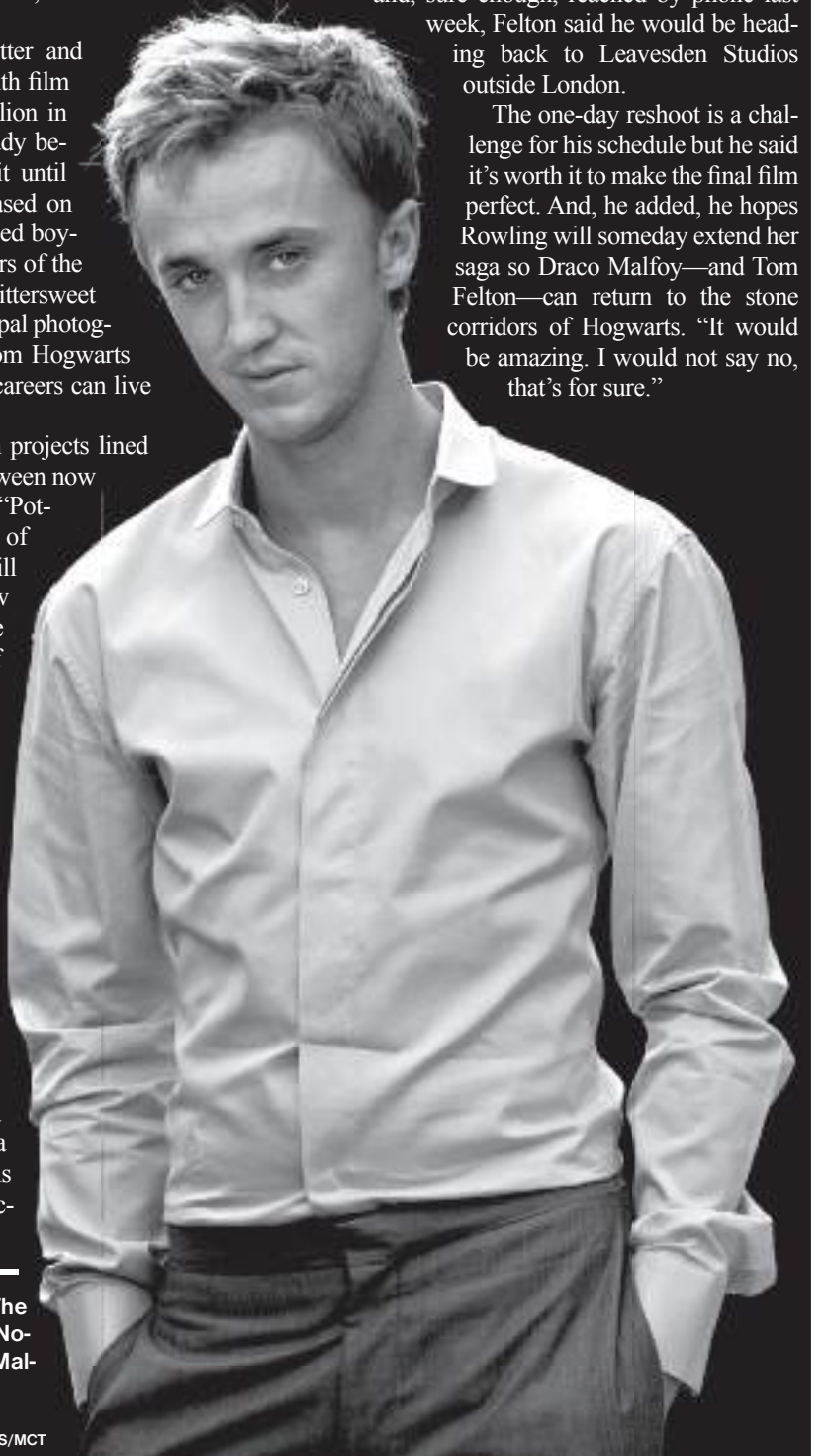
"Tom has been plying his craft for a very long time and even as a child was a particularly deft actor," Kloves said. "As Draco transformed over the last two pic-

tures from mere foil to a haunted, multi-dimensional young man, Tom's skill has only become more evident. ... (In the sixth film) Draco is slowly crumbling from within due to the pressures imposed on him from outside forces of great power. Tom reveals the fissures slowly, so that over the course of the movie the hairline fracture he displays early on becomes, by the conclusion, a shattering of the soul. He's respectful of the written word and applies his energies to interpretation, with often quiet but thrilling results. He's a writer's dream."

Felton, who shares a home with one his brothers back in England, said he marvels at the serendipity that put together a cast of young actors who meshed so well and he said it was hard to say goodbye to the movie set where they grew up together. "It was a group that were picked and we got on when we were 11 and we all got on when we were 20 and that's amazing to think about. The families had a lot to do with it, the people that did the casting had a lot to do with it and then there was luck, too."

At the premiere of "Hallows" in New York, there were rumors that reshoots needed for some scenes in the eighth film would be bringing the "Potter" stars back for spot duty and, sure enough, reached by phone last week, Felton said he would be heading back to Leavesden Studios outside London.

The one-day reshoot is a challenge for his schedule but he said it's worth it to make the final film perfect. And, he added, he hopes Rowling will someday extend her saga so Draco Malfoy—and Tom Felton—can return to the stone corridors of Hogwarts. "It would be amazing. I would not say no, that's for sure."



Actor Tom Felton is photographed at The Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, November 16, 2010. Felton plays Draco Malfoy in the Harry Potter movies.

RICARDO DEARATANHA/LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

Underwood top winner at American Country Awards

LAS VEGAS (AP)—When it comes to Las Vegas, Carrie Underwood is a sure bet.

Underwood won her second country music artist of the year award of 2010 in Sin City on Monday night. She earned it at the inaugural American Country Awards about eight months after she won the top honor at the Academy of Country Music Awards in April.

In both cases, fans determined the winner. And when it comes to fan support, Underwood has no match. Her fans vote early and often—a holdover from her time as “American Idol” champion—and she made sure to give a shoutout to her supporters after winning six awards.

“We have had the most amaz-



Underwood

ing year out on the road but we wouldn’t be doing anything if there weren’t people out there sitting in that audience,” Underwood said from the stage at the MGM Grand, where the ACMS

also are held. “So to everybody that came out to see us (or) anybody else out here, you guys are awesome for supporting us like you do. God bless the fans.”

Lady Antebellum took home four Fender Stratocasters given out as trophies and Easton Corbin finished with three wins, including breakthrough artist of the year. The two acts were tied for the most nominations with seven.

Along with artist of the year, Underwood won album of the year for “Play On” and tour of the year.

Lady A won single of the year for the trio’s breakthrough, “Need You Now,” and artist of the year: duo or group. Brad Paisley was voted male artist of the year and Blake Shelton and host Trace Ad-

kins won music video of the year.

The show was performance heavy and featured Rascal Flatts and Alan Jackson performing medleys of their hits after tributes, Jason Aldean and Luke Bryan teaming up on “My Kinda Party,” and Toby Keith, Keith Urban, Reba McEntire, Josh Turner and The Band Perry playing recent hits.

Adkins opened the show by declining to wear a pair of “meat chaps” offered by the show’s producers, a la Lady Gaga’s meat dress, in a pre-taped comedy skit. He also appeared to skip the monologue.

“It’s a live show,” Adkins said. “What are they going to do? They can’t fire me right in the middle of it, right?”

Oprah’s audience begins Australian adventure

SYDNEY (AP)—Oprah Winfrey’s giddy audience of 300 has landed in Sydney to begin enjoying the talk show queen’s ultimate giveaway—an eight-day journey across Australia.

Winfrey kicked off her 25th and final season of “The Oprah Winfrey Show” in September by surprising audience members with what she’s billed as the trip of a lifetime.

Audience members will explore the Great Barrier Reef, the Outback and the country’s wine regions. They’ll take surfing lessons, check out kangaroos and koalas on Kangaroo Island and enjoy beachside barbecues.

Winfrey will film two episodes at Sydney’s Opera House, and a third episode at a yet-to-be disclosed location, rumored to be somewhere in the Outback.

Judge: Wesley Snipes must surrender before holiday

ORLANDO, Florida (AP)—Wesley Snipes must begin his three-year prison sentence for failing to pay taxes before the holidays as originally ordered.

Snipes asked a judge if he could surrender on Jan. 6 in Pennsylvania instead of on Thursday. The motion says Snipes has four young children and the “surrender date is in the middle of the holiday season.”

But a Florida judge denied his re-



Snipes

quest Monday. The judge wrote that Snipes had plenty of time to prepare “for the impact that his incarceration will have upon members of his family” since he was sentenced more than two years ago.

The 48-year-old star of the “Blade” trilogy was convicted in 2008 on three misdemeanor counts of willful failure to file income tax returns.

TMZ first reported the denial.

US singing group’s Hanukkah song an Internet hit

By DEEPTI HAJELA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—It’s not your mother’s dreidel song.

A singing group from Yeshiva University has a Hanukkah hit on their hands. The Maccabeats’ “Candlelight” is sung to the tune of the pop song “Dynamite” by Taio Cruz, and features latkes, candles and a telling of the Hanukkah story. The video for the song has gotten well over 2 million views since its release about a week and a half ago.

“We really didn’t expect what happened,” said Julian Horowitz, musical director of The Maccabeats, made up of 14 current and former students at the school.



Julian Horowitz, left, musical director of the singing group “The Maccabeats” from Yeshiva University, and Uri Westrich, video director of the group’s YouTube hit “Candlelight,” hold an interview on Monday,

will tour the Villa’s conservation studios and the Getty Museum as well. Both sides say the discord caused during Italy’s antiquities hunt has spawned a new era of cooperation and reciprocation.

Tumblr blogging site back up after massive outage

NEW YORK (AP)—The popular blogging site Tumblr is recovering from an outage that had left it out of service for about 24 hours. Tumblr says the problem was in one of its database clusters, or collection of databases. On Twitter, the company says the databases are up and running. Tumblr says it is slowly opening up access to people’s blogs and monitoring site performance. New York-based Tumblr lets users post photos, text, videos and other content in short updates. It bills itself “the easiest way to blog,” though on Monday morning that wasn’t the case. While both Facebook and Twitter have suffered big outages in recent years, the length of Tumblr’s problem is unusual. Twitter users complained about the outage in English, Spanish and Japanese among other languages.

many’s largest television charity gala, called “A Heart for Children,” on Dec. 18. The charity event aims to support children and families in Germany and elsewhere in Europe. It has raised more than 150 million euros (\$199 million) since it began collecting funds in 1978. The 26-year-old prince is patron of several children’s and humanitarian aid charities. He also co-founded an organization to help young people in the African country of Lesotho.

Getty Museum statue transfer ends Italy dispute

MALIBU, Calif. (AP)—Italy’s decade-old campaign to retrieve antiquities it says were illegally brought to California will end early next year. The J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles will return to Sicily a fifth century B.C. statue of the goddess Aphrodite, the last of 40 artifacts it agreed to return as a result of Italy’s campaign. Sebastiano Missineo, the minister of culture from Sicily, visited the Getty Villa in Malibu on Monday and viewed the statue. He also viewed the marble Agrigento Youth, loaned to the Getty in exchange for a custom earthquake base. He

Senior still enjoying sex feels no desire to brag

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I am an 80-year-old woman, happily married for 51 years. The other day, my hairdresser (in her 20s) asked me about my sex life with my husband! I feel this is a private matter and none of her business, but I didn’t want to sound rude. Can you think of a snappy answer to such a personal question?

STILL IN LOVE WITH
MY HUSBAND

Dear Abby

DEAR STILL IN LOVE: Your hairdresser appears to have been sniffing too much hairspray, which has addled her judgment. The response to her impertinent question should have been to say with a smile, “Honey, you’ll just have to wait until you’re our age and find out for yourself.”

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DEAR ABBY: I am a happily single 22-year-old male. My boss, who is happily married, is extremely enthusiastic about finding me a woman. He is aware that I am OK with being single, but he feels it is his duty to find me a girlfriend.

At first, it was only slightly irritating. However, this matchmaker game has gotten out of hand. It has escalated into him printing up fliers with my photo on them, inviting women to sign up for a date with me. What should I do about this?

CONTENT BACHELOR IN MISSOURI

DEAR CONTENT BACHELOR: Take the bull by the horns and do what you should have done in the beginning. Tell your boss firmly that you are happy as a single person, that when you decide to settle down you won’t need anyone’s help, and you want the matchmaking stopped. To say that what your boss has done is inappropriate is an understatement. And if it doesn’t stop, it is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature—and could qualify as harassment.

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DEAR ABBY: “Louise” and I have been married three years. We met in another state and I relocated to take a job. I proposed to Louise after the move, and she accepted knowing this would be where we live.

Every summer my life becomes hell. Louise gets angry about the smallest things and picks fights frequently. This is in advance of all the grandkids’ birthdays that occur in August. As the summer winds down, angry turns to weepy and sullen. She mentions “moving back for good,” “I hate it here,” “Quit your job and take less money.”

Abby, I have a great job, and have told Louise to fly home as often as she wants. This scenario repeats each summer and increases in intensity. I know I’m going to wake up one day and not have a wife, because it seems her only solution is to move back.

I didn’t like anything about the state we came from and was glad to leave. I moved there for my first wife and lost out on 14 years of things I loved to do. I’m bitter about it to this day. I’m happier here. I have no answer to this problem that is acceptable to Louise. Please help.

MY WIFE OR MY LIFE IN TEXAS

DEAR WIFE/LIFE: If ever I heard of a couple who needed mediation services, it’s you and Louise. Whether the answer to your problems is divorce, or Louise living part of the year near her grandchildren, is something only the two of you can negotiate—if it’s even economically feasible. If you love each other enough, you can work out a compromise, and that’s what I’m hoping you can do in a caring way and without anger.

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Injured German game show contestant stable

BERLIN (AP)—Doctors say a 23-year-old German who was injured while trying to jump over a car wearing power jumping stilts during a live TV show is in stable condition. The Duesseldorf University Clinic said that Samuel Koch was being slowly brought out of a medically induced coma on Monday. They said it was too early to say whether Koch would be paralyzed from his multiple spinal injuries. German public broadcaster ZDF said it would continue the program, which has attracted audiences for 30 years without incident. Some 8 million viewers were watching the program at the time of the accident.

Prince Harry to be honored at German charity gala

LONDON (AP)—Britain’s Prince Harry will be honored for his humanitarian and charity work at an award ceremony in Germany later this month. St. James’s Palace said on Monday that Harry will fly to Berlin to receive an award at Ger-

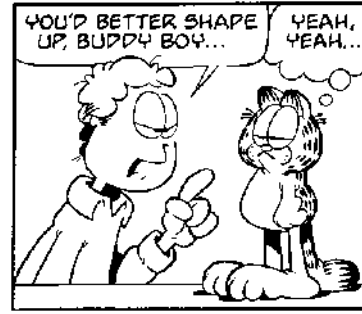
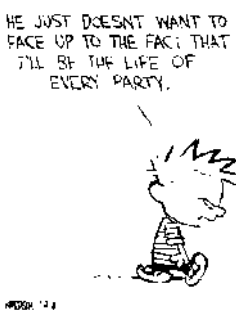
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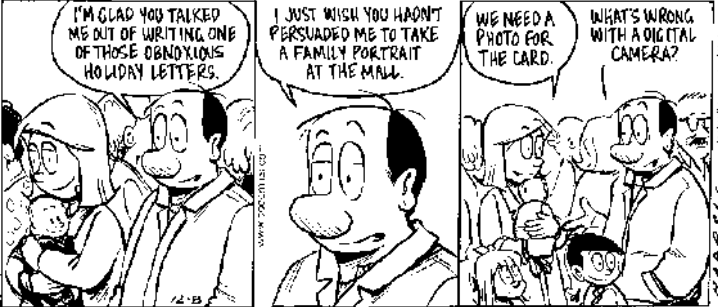


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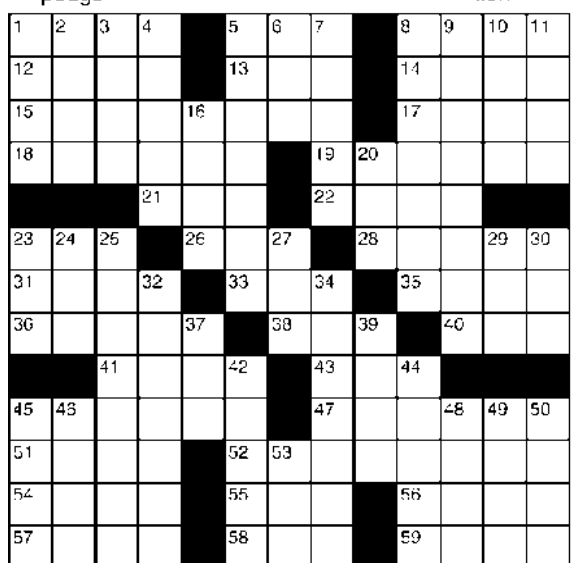
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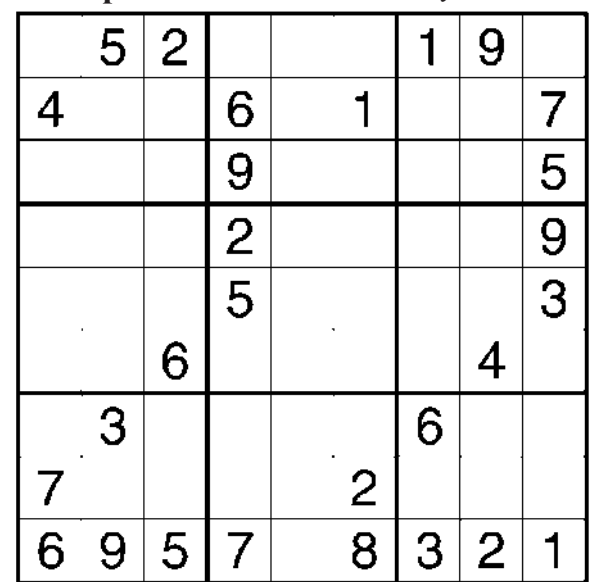


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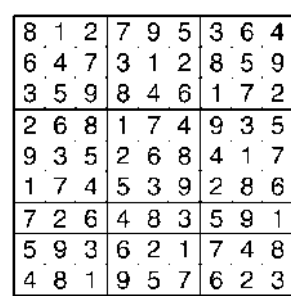
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By DAVID QUELLET

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Brady, Patriots rout Jets, 45-3



FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Tom Brady turned this anticipated classic into a classic rout.

Brady doesn't lose many big games, certainly not at home and definitely not with so much on the line. He threw for four touchdowns and 326 yards Monday night in New England's 45-3 romp past the New York Jets for his NFL-record 26th straight regular-season home victory.

In surpassing Brett Favre's mark for consecutive wins in the comforts of his own stadium, Brady also lifted the Patriots (10-2) to the best record in the AFC. If this was for bragging rights in the conference, Rex Ryan and the Jets (9-3) will have to be silent for a while.

"We don't listen to the hype," Brady said. "I don't think we ever have. We really take after our coach and he says 'When you win, say little. When you lose, say less.'"

It was a mismatch from the start. The Jets, who had won eight successive road games, five this season, came in with a vaunted defense and an offense that had come alive behind second-year quarterback Mark Sanchez and big-play receiver Santonio Holmes.

But Brady didn't have to sweat anything in his second straight game with four TD passes and no interceptions—and 12th such game of his career. He hasn't been picked off in seven consecutive games.

New York couldn't produce a pass rush and its blitzes were fruitless most of the night. With 4:40 remaining in the third quarter, the Patriots already were over their 30.4 points per game average that leads the league.

And when the star quarterback wasn't doing the damage, former Jets running back Danny Woodhead was. He turned a shovel pass into a 50-yard gain, had a 35-yard jaunt with another short pass and made Ryan even more regretful to have let him escape earlier this season.

"This is where I am. I'm a New England Patriot," Woodhead added. "Was I over there? Yeah. But that's not something I dwell on because I'm a New England Patriot, and I'm going to do my best for this team."

Brady moved into 13th place all-time with 252 TD passes; he has thrown for 27 TDs and been intercepted only four times as the three-time Super Bowl winner makes a strong case for his second league MVP award.

"He's Tom Brady. He's been able to do some pretty good things throughout his career," Woodhead said. "I don't know if stuff like that surprises anybody."

The Jets gave the Patriots plenty of help all night. Nick Folk's missed field goal came before BenJarvus Green-Ellis' 1-yard run, and Steve Weatherford's 12-yard punt led to Deion Branch's 25-yard TD.

New England's 32nd-ranked pass defense intercepted three of Sanchez's passes in snapping the Jets' four-game winning streak, all against teams with losing records. Indeed, every Jets victory this season except the one against New England in Week 2 is over a team currently with a .500 or worse record.

"We couldn't afford to lose to them again," Brady said. "You can't lose to the same team twice; I don't think it's



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws against the New York Jets during the second quarter of a NFL football game at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. Monday, Dec. 6, 2010.

happened here too often since I got here in 2000. If you want to win division, can't lose to same team twice."

Conversely, the Patriots own wins over the Steelers, Ravens and Jets—by far the best teams in the conference thus far. And they are even with Atlanta, the NFC leader at 10-2.

New England moved swiftly downfield on the opening series before stalling on three straight incompletions—none close to hitting the target—from the Jets 23. It was the only time Brady struggled.

Shayne Graham's 41-yard field goal made it 3-0.

Then the gambling began, with New York going on fourth-and-1 from its 46 and converting on Shonn Greene's 2-yard run. But when Ryan took a chance on a 53-yard field goal, Folk came up well short.

The Patriots didn't come up short after taking over at their 43. Helped greatly by a 36-yard pass interference penalty on safety Eric Smith, who was replacing regular Jim Leonhard (broken shin), New England needed just six plays to take a 10-point lead on Green-Ellis' 1-yard plunge.

The expected classic was turning ugly early.

"All in all it was a fun night," Brady said.

Weatherford didn't help New York's case, either, with his shank on the Jets' next possession. He angrily pushed a chain gang member on the sideline after the kick, perhaps sensing Brady wouldn't waste the opportunity from the New York 32.

He didn't, but it took another risk as the Patriots went for a fourth-and-3 from the Jets 25. In the face of a yet another blitz, Brady calmly threw to Deion Branch, who broke Antonio Cromartie's feeble tackle and sprinted into the end zone.

That brought a familiar sight for Brady and company: Gillette Stadium rocking while the Patriots are rolling past another opponent.

"It was a big-time atmosphere, division game, both teams 9-2," Woodhead said. "We needed to win the game."

Although the Jets got a 39-yard field goal from Folk, they were totally outclassed. Their defense managed three sacks in the first half, which meant little because Brady found the range when he needed to—again and again.

Woodhead's sprint with a short pass for a 35-yard gain spearheaded the next touchdown drive that Brady capped with a 4-yard throw to Brandon Tate. Although Tate's arm came down out of bounds with only one leg landing in the end zone, the Jets didn't challenge.

Actually, they never really challenged all night.

Broncos fire McDaniels, Stutesville replaces him

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—The Denver Broncos wanted Josh McDaniels to bring the New England Patriots' winning ways with him to the Rocky Mountains when they hired Bill Belichick's brash, young disciple 22 months ago.

What they got instead was the ash-gray hoodie and their very own videotaping scandal to go with a pile of losses and personnel blunders that cost him his job not even halfway through his four-year contract.

McDaniels was fired Monday in the midst of the franchise's worst skid in four decades.

Running backs coach Eric Stutesville will serve as interim coach for the final month, succeeding McDaniels, 34, whose hiring by team owner Pat Bowlen in January 2009 is now viewed as a big mistake.

"My decision to relieve Josh McDaniels as head coach was not taken lightly. I will always be appreciative of his passion, enthusiasm and hard work, and I thank him for his efforts," Bowlen said in a statement after firing McDaniels with two years left on his contract.

"In the end, I was not satisfied with the results and the direction this team was headed. The decision to make a change was extremely difficult but one that needed to be made for this organization and our fans," Bowlen added. "Everyone, myself included, is accountable for our disappointing season and is now responsible for restoring the culture of winning that has been

established by this franchise. Our entire organization is completely focused on returning to the level of prosperity that our fans expect and deserve from the Denver Broncos."

Players didn't know of McDaniels' firing when they left team headquarters after a conditioning run ended at 3 p.m. Shortly after that, McDaniels was called into Bowlen's office and fired. McDaniels then met with his assistants.

The rest of his staff, including McDaniels' brother, Ben, who tutors the quarterbacks, will stay on for the final four games.

"I am very grateful to Pat Bowlen and the Broncos organization for giving me the opportunity to be the head coach of such a proud franchise," McDaniels said in a statement released by the team. "I would like to thank all of the people who helped us over the last two years. I am especially appreciative of the efforts of every player, coach and member of the personnel department who worked so hard every day. I wish Pat Bowlen and the Broncos organization nothing but the best in the future."

At his weekly news conference four hours before he was let go, McDaniels reiterated that he wasn't focused on his job being in jeopardy.

"I'm not worried about that. I'm going to coach as hard as I can because that is my job and that's somebody else's decision," McDaniels said.

Stutesville and chief operating officer Joe Ellis will meet with the me-

dia Tuesday. There was no word on whether McDaniels would hold a farewell news conference.

McDaniels becomes the third coach fired during the season, all in the past month. The Dallas Cowboys fired Wade Phillips on Nov. 8 and promoted Jason Garrett to interim coach, and two weeks later, the Minnesota Vikings fired Brad Childress and promoted Leslie Frazier to replace him.

The two new coaches have a combined 5-1 record since taking over, and the Broncos (3-9) are hoping Stutesville can inject some life into the team to close out this lost season.

"I am very appreciative of the trust that Mr. Bowlen and the entire Denver Broncos organization have shown in me," Stutesville said in a statement. "Although the circumstances that this opportunity resulted from are unfortunate, I am excited to lead this football team. We have a great group of players and coaches who are committed to finishing the season on a promising note and making our fans proud of this team."

Stutesville, 43, was in his first season in Denver after coaching the running backs in Buffalo from 2004-09 following a three-year stint (2001-03) in that same capacity with the New York Giants. He began his NFL coaching career in 1997 with the Chicago Bears after working six years at the collegiate level.

The players learned of McDaniels' firing via Twitter, where the Broncos announced it, and text messages.

"Guys are trying to figure out if it's true, if it's not true, what's going on," wide receiver Brandon Lloyd said on his weekly radio show on Sports Radio 104.3 The Fan in Denver.

Running back Lance Ball tweeted: "this the closest thing to Obama being elected president!!!"

Others were melancholy.

"It's tough. He's not out there playing," wide receiver Eddie Royal said. "The guys in the locker room have got to feel somewhat responsible. We didn't play well enough to win these games. We haven't had a good year. We haven't played the way we should have. Our fans are upset, and I can understand that. We've got a lot better football team than we've shown this year."

Even though the Broncos are mired in their worst stretch since 1971-72, the timing of McDaniels' firing caught everyone off guard.

"I didn't think it was going to happen," Lloyd said. "Come the offseason, yeah, anything can happen. They shuffle players, shuffle coaches. At this point in the season, I did not see that coming."

McDaniels had nearly \$7 million left on his contract, and Bowlen is still on the hook for millions more he owes Mike Shanahan, whom he fired last year. That means he'll be paying three head coaches next season unless the organization decides to withhold McDaniels' salaries for 2011 and '12 based on a violation of his deal, such as a morals clause.

Smith helps Hawks knock off Magic



ORLANDO, Florida (AP)—Josh Smith had 19 points and 13 rebounds, and Mike Bibby made a critical 3-pointer in the final minute as the Atlanta Hawks beat the Orlando Magic 80-74 on Monday.

Al Horford added 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Hawks, winners of six of seven. Jamal Crawford had 15 points and Bibby finished with 13.

Vince Carter led the Magic with 18 points. Dwight Howard, back after missing two games with a stomach virus, contributed 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Heat 88, Bucks 78

At Milwaukee, Dwyane Wade had 25 points and a career-high 14 rebounds back in the city where his career took off as the Miami Heat beat the Bucks 88-78 for their fifth straight win.

LeBron James added 17 points and Chris Bosh had 16 points and 12 rebounds as Miami used a 17-2 run in the first half to take control, then weathered a late scoring drought before James, Wade and Bosh hit clutch shots in the closing minutes.

Corey Maggette scored 20 points for the Bucks, while Andrew Bogut finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Knicks 121, Timberwolves 114

At New York, Amare Stoudemire scored 34 points to lead surging New York past Minnesota for its fifth straight victory.

Wilson Chandler added 21 points and Raymond Felton had 18 points and 11 assists for the Knicks, who won for the 10th time in 11 games and improved to 13-9, the first time they've been four games over .500 since finishing the 2000-01 season with a 48-34 record.

Kevin Love had 33 points and 15 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who duplicated the sizzling start they had in a victory over Cleveland on Saturday but didn't have the defense to make it stand up. Michael Beasley, who missed that victory with a sprained ankle, returned and scored 25.

Bulls 99, Thunder 90

At Chicago, Carlos Boozer scored 13 of his 29 points in Chicago's big third quarter, leading the Bulls to the victory.

Luol Deng added 19 points for Chicago, which outscored the Thunder 29-18 in the pivotal third. Derrick Rose had 11 points and nine assists, but shot 3 for 13 from the field.

Kevin Durant led the Thunder with 29 points. Nenad Krstic added 18 points.

Boozer got a big free-agent deal from Chicago in the offseason, but missed the team's first 15 games with a broken right hand. He appears to be gaining confidence since he returned in Wednesday night's 107-78 loss to Orlando, scoring five, 12 and 25 points in his first three outings.

Boozer and Joakim Noah had 12 boards apiece as Chicago outrebounded the Thunder 52-39 and enjoyed a 19-11 edge in second-chance points.

Jazz 94, Grizzlies 85

At Salt Lake City, Deron Williams had 27 points and eight assists to power Utah to the win.

Williams admittedly struggled as



Atlanta Hawks' Josh Smith (5) dunks in front of Orlando Magic center Marcin Gortat (13), of Poland, during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., Monday, Dec. 6, 2010.

Utah lost 93-81 to Dallas on Friday, snapping a seven-game winning streak. But he overcame early foul trouble against Memphis to get the Jazz back

on track with a variety of strong drives to the basket.

C.J. Miles had 20 points for the Jazz. He also blocked two shots and had a

pair of steals while holding Rudy Gay in check. Gay finished with 18 points on 8-of-22 shooting.

Mike Conley scored 19 points and

Zach Randolph finished with 17 for the Grizzlies, who have lost four straight overall and six in a row on the road.

Pacers 124, Raptors 100

At Indianapolis, Brandon Rush scored a season-high 26 points and Danny Granger had 21 as Indiana put seven players in double figures to beat Toronto.

Rush, a reserve, was 10 for 18 from the field, including 6 for 8 from 3-point range. Indiana shot 55 percent overall, led by a 13-for-26 effort from behind the arc.

Granger also contributed nine rebounds and five assists in the Pacers' second-highest scoring effort of the season.

Jose Calderon scored 21 points and Amir Johnson added 15 for the Raptors. Andrea Bargnani, who entered the game averaging 20.7 points, was held to 12 on 5-for-11 shooting.

Clippers 98, Kings 91

At Eric Gordon scored 29 points, hitting a go-ahead 3-pointer with 47 seconds left to lift the Los Angeles Clippers to a victory over the Sacramento Kings.

The Clippers lost the lead with 5:13 remaining and trailed by four with 2 1/2 minutes to play. But Ryan Gomes and Gordon combined to score nine straight, with Gordon's 3 giving the Clippers a 94-91 lead.

Gomes added 17 points and Blake Griffin had 13 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Clippers, who stopped a two-game skid.

Omri Casspi had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Pooh Jeter had all 11 of his points in the fourth for the Kings, who lost their eighth in a row and 14th in 15 games.

Gonzalez, Reynolds, Marcum traded; Gillick to Hall



LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)—

Adrian Gonzalez, Mark Reynolds and Shaun Marcum switched leagues Monday as teams started trading at baseball's winter meetings. Cliff Lee's agent showed up, too, but said no telling when his prize pitcher might sign.

To Pat Gillick, this was truly the biggest deal of the day, and of his career: The 73-year-old executive whose moves helped build three World Series champions was elected to the Hall of Fame.

Often, it takes a few days at this annual gathering for any real action. This time, it was brisk from the get-go.

"Now that everybody is here in the same facility, the atmosphere is ripe to push through some things," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

The Boston Red Sox completed their trade for Gonzalez, getting the All-Star first baseman from San Diego for minor league pitcher Casey Kelly, first baseman Anthony Rizzo, outfielder Raymond Fuentes and a player to be named.

Baltimore added a big bat—and a bunch of strikeouts—by acquiring Reynolds from Arizona for right-handed relievers David Hernandez and Kam Mickolio.

The Milwaukee Brewers boosted their rotation, getting right-hander

Shaun Marcum from the Toronto Blue Jays for Canadian infield prospect Brett Lawrie.

"A lot of agents are claiming that their players are going to sign this week. Some will and some won't," Mets GM Sandy Alderson said. "There could be a run on starting pitching this week."

Whether Lee is among the pitchers who make that decision remains uncertain. Agent Darek Braunecker met with Cashman—the Yankees hope to lure the ace lefty, while Texas is trying to re-sign him. Other teams are interested, but their pursuits aren't nearly so public.

"There's always clubs that kind of lay in the weeds," Braunecker said. "To me, you're talking about the best player on the market. There's still, certainly, a need for starting pitching that stems beyond the clubs that have been mentioned so far."

At an interview session, Texas manager Ron Washington was asked to name his five starters for 2011. "Cliff Lee," he said, laughing.

A day after Washington gave free agent outfielder Jayson Werth a whopping \$126 million, seven-year deal, several teams took the trade route.

The Red Sox got the 28-year-old Gonzalez, a three-time All-Star and two-time Gold Glover. He hit .298 with 31 homers and 101 RBIs last season.

"I'm very excited to be in Boston and ready to beat the Yanks," Gonzalez said at Fenway Park.

San Diego general manager Jed Hoyer, who previously worked for the Red Sox under GM Theo Epstein, said the Padres were sure they wouldn't have been able to sign Gonzalez after 2011. So, they decided to make a deal now, rather than risk waiting until next summer.

"There's plenty of examples of trades at the deadline where a team didn't get nearly what they thought they'd get simply because the market didn't develop or because of injuries," Hoyer said. "With that in mind, I felt like this was the right time to do it."

Reynolds is taking his big swings to Baltimore. There is no doubt the third baseman can hit the ball a long way—when he hits it, that is.

Reynolds has averaged nearly 35 homers for the last three years. He's also struck out over 200 times in each of those seasons—those are the three highest strikeout totals in major league history.

"He brings some things we don't have," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "You can find negatives on any player. We certainly like his contact-to-damage ratio. We're going to dwell on all the positive things he does."

The Brewers were thrilled to get

Marcum, who started for the Blue Jays on opening day last season and went 13-8 with a 3.64 ERA. The trade certainly carried a Canadian theme—Milwaukee GM Doug Melvin and Toronto counterpart Alex Anthopoulos both were born north of the border.

Though he traded away Lawrie, a member of the 2008 Canadian Olympic team, Melvin kidded he held onto some valuable things from his country.

"I still have my Justin Bieber posters on the wall," Melvin said, a nod to the Canadian teen pop star.

Other names in circulation: San Francisco might become interested in Tampa Bay's Jason Bartlett to fill their shortstop hole, the Cubs hired Mark Riggins as their pitching coach and the New York Mets interviewed Andy Van Slyke as a possible hitting coach.

Gillick built World Series champions in Toronto in 1992-93 and won another crown with Philadelphia in 2008.

At 73, he's spent a half-century in baseball.

"I never felt I had a job. I love going to work every day," he said.

Former players' union head Marvin Miller fell one vote short. George Steinbrenner finished far behind—"some people thought it's too early," Hall of Famer Johnny Bench, a member of the committee, said of the late New York Yankees owner.

AG's Piligro stuns CUC; DYS Atdit wins

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Second-running AG's Piligro pulled off an upset over top-ranked CUC Power Plant, 8-3, at home at Buddies Bar & Grill, as the playoff round of the Saipan Electronic Dart Association 2nd Bud Light Lime Cup continued last week.

Home team Piligro won a partners 501 game, three wild cricket matches, two partners open 701 games, and a pair of singles baseball to advance to the next round. Before stunning CUC, Piligro went on to knock out third ranked Trouble Shooters, 8-6, last Monday.

In other results, sixth-ranked PSS Na'Gupu knocked out seventh seated DPH Oh Yeah!, 8-5, on the road at Buddies, and fourth-seated DYS Atdit held on to advance over the fifth ranked DPS Enforcers, 8-7, on the road at Naked Fish Bar & Grill.

Notably, NMC-Pro, ranked last out of eight teams, advanced due to forfeiture by seventh placer PSS South Side.

With Power Plant and the



Members of DYS Atdit pose for a group photo during a break in their game against the DPS Enforcers in the Saipan Electronic Dart Association 2nd Bud Light Lime Cup last week.

Trouble Shooters out of the running, Piligro's Lionel Sanchez and Jayson John will take on Julian Camacho and his Atdit crew this Friday. NMC-Pro

will have their hands full against Na'Gupu's Alex Sablan and George Cruz, but after VFW's Oh! MG came from the back of the pack to win the C-Chich-

iricka Bud Light Lime Cup last week, anything can happen.

The championship match is set for December 17, between the winners of this Friday's

games. By rule, the lower ranked team is awarded home field advantage.

Atdit 8, Enforcers 7

Visiting Atdit won a partners 501 game, a pair of wild cricket contests, a game of partners open 701, and three singles baseball games. Then after losing both partners cricket matches, Atdit came back to secure the victory by winning the final

team open 1001 match. Atdit's Julian Camacho won five out of six matches.

PSS Na'Gupu 8, DPH Oh Yeah! 5

Visiting Na'Gupu won a partners 502 match and a pair of wild cricket games, swept both partners open 701 contests, won a pair of singles baseball games, and advanced to the semis by taking the first partners cricket match.

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Winners in the 26 to 35 division were Nap Dizon (mountain bike/3:42:59.88) and Guam's Cameron O'Neil (road bike/3:30:49.00). In the 36 to 45 age group, mountain bike division, Saipan's Harold Balana (3:54:20.56), Noel Altamirano (4:03:17.69), and Jay Diycio (4:55:02.88) completed the Top 3.

Enrique Evangelista (4:55:53.18) beat Cary Alamo-din (6:22:16.97) in the 46 to 55 age group, mountain bike division, while Guam's Ben Ferguson ruled the road bike category with his winning time of 3:31:41.84, beating compatriot Steve Basak (3:31:13.97) and Saipan's Kieran Daly

(3:43:01.34).

In the 56 and above age group, the Top 3 finishers were David Mair (4:12:02.25), Danny Paquerez (4:33:11.47), and Stephen Nutting (4:39:04.28).

Manatee, a group of Saipan bikers, also had its own road race with Derek Chambers (4:21:52.58) prevailing against Mike Johnson (4:47:20.22), John Jones (5:24:12.84), and Jim Arenovski (6:03:26.59).

In the women's division, the top finishers were Jodel Fernandez (road 16 to 25 division/5:26:29.44), Nahoko Katoh (road 26 to 35/5:14:19.88), Mamiko Berger (mountain 36 to 45/4:41:49.15), Heather Kennedy (road 36 to 45/4:11:07.81), Susan Marchitti (mountain 46 to 55/6:22:32.75), and Margaret Greenwood (road 56 and above/5:25:26.59).

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ers made it to the scoreboard.

The Sonics' offensive firepower was simply too much for Rollers C, which obviously lacked a deep bench to counter their foe's strikes. No Rollers C broke into double figures in scoring, as Ryan Iglecias tallied only nine points.

Rollers C is the youngest among the three U19 squads head coach Joe Diaz fielded in the youth tournament and it went up against the seasoned players of the Sonics.

Despite its underdog tag, Rollers C managed to keep up with the Sonics in the first half.

By the end of the first period, Rollers C trailed by a hair, 14-15, and it remained in contention at the break, as the Sonics led by only six, 30-24.

However, the game slowly went out of Rollers C's hands at the start of the third quarter when Apelo and company began buckling down to work. Apelo scored the first basket in the second half, canning a triple and the Sonics went on to outgun Rollers C, 15-6, for a 45-30 advantage.

In the final canto, Rollers C failed to make a rally, as it was rattled by the Sonics' pressure defense. The relentless Sonics defense forced Rollers C to commit one error after another and the pennant champion converted the miscues into fastbreak bas-

ket in the fourth period.

Next up for the Sonics will be the winner of the G-Stars and Rollers tiff. The G-Stars finished fourth in the regular season, while Rollers A came in fifth place and they will battle for the semis seat today at 7pm. Also gunning for a semis berth are the third-ranked Ol'Aces and sixth-placed Rollers B, as they collide today at 5:30pm.

The semifinal round will be played on Friday with the Sonics and the Sparks still waiting for their foes. The Sparks outclassed Hi-5 in overtime in the second playoff game last Monday. The championship game is set for Dec. 13.

Meanwhile, the playoff round in the U15 division started last

night with the top-seeded Sonics dueling the last-placed Agape, but results of the match were unavailable at press time.

In the other U15 pairing, the second-seeded Rollers A will take on No. 3 Rollers B tomorrow at 5pm. The U15 playoff round also has a single-elimination format with the championship match scheduled for this Saturday.

Sonics 62 – Apelo 15, Ajoste 12, Cadiang 8, Palacios 5, Tude-la 5, Villanueva 5, Ecalnea 4, Jeon 3, Del Rosario 2, Salas 2.

Rollers C 38 – Iglecias 9, Diaz 6, Francisco 8, Sacramento 4, Yap 4, Lee 4, Mendiola 2, Norita 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-14, 30-24, 45-30, 62-38.

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Min Ki Kim scoring in the 23rd, Dae Min Jeon in the 26th, and Kang Shen in the 29th. Rokibul Malitha tallied MP United's last

goal in the first second.

In the second half, Kyun Ho Lee fired his first goal in the 61st minute, while LaVahn had his

second goal in the 79th minute.

Winners of last Sunday's semis games will square off for the championship on Dec. 19.

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one opportunity when he sprinted past the penalty box with Keio defenders chasing him and the ball went outside. Arkie Reusora and Jason Schroeder also had several chances to score, but just could not complete the plays.

Finding the back of the net seemed to be not a problem for Keio, as it broke into the scoreboard past the nine minute mark in the first half off Ryuichi Shibuya's goal. Two minutes later, Shibuya canned his second goal.

In the 12th minute, it was

Haruhito Yagyu's turn to score and he had one more in the 14:40 mark to give Keio a commanding 4-0 lead. Shohei Ota made it a 5-0 count at half-time after scoring his first goal in the 24th minute.

The sixth goal in the game came almost midway in the second half with Ryo Fukazawa finding the back of the net at the 12:25 mark. Then about nine minutes later, Yagyu scored for a hat-trick.

The visitors recorded the lopsided win despite arriving on Saipan a day before the friendly match. The 23-man roster of Keio University Soccer Club came here on Sunday for a vacation and Northern Mariana

Islands Football Association arranged a friendly game as part of the group's itinerary.

Other members of Keio University Soccer Club are Ken Mochizuki, Hiroki Tsutsuyi, Daiki Takahashi, Masaki Kubota, Hiroya Yamaguchi, Takumi Kanehusa, Uichiro Uchida, Yoshito Kami, Yoshitaka Mikami, Tatsuki Fujimura, Kazumasa Ishikawa, Shota Yamamoto, Daichi Takagi, Tatsuro Yokokawa, Kazuma Suzuki, ShunGo Takeuchi, and Yuuki Udagawa. Members of the club are college students based in the university's main headquarters in Tokyo.

Playing for the CNMI last Monday were Daniel Stafford,

Evan Hunsberger, Don Cabre-ra, Kirk Schuler, Nick Swaim, Peter Houk, Steven McKagan, Joey Melger, Eric Cooke, Devin Atalig, Russelle Zapanta, Daniel Wollak, Edwin Cruz, Darren Keizer, Brad Ruszala, Chris Nelson, Trey Dunn, Dan Westphal, LeVahn, and Boaz Lim.

"It was a great experience for our national team to play in a high level of competition. We hope Keio University Soccer Club can make this an annual trip so our national team can train hard and look forward to at least two competitions each year. The Keio team exhibited great skills that the fans enjoyed watching," NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas said.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	16	4	.800	—
New York	13	9	.591	4
Toronto	8	13	.381	8 1/2
Philadelphia	6	14	.300	10
New Jersey	6	15	.286	10 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	15	6	.714	—
Atlanta	14	8	.636	1 1/2
Miami	14	8	.636	1 1/2
Charlotte	7	13	.350	7 1/2
Washington	6	13	.316	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	11	8	.579	—
Indiana	10	9	.526	1
Cleveland	7	13	.350	4 1/2
Milwaukee	7	13	.350	4 1/2
Detroit	7	14	.333	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	17	3	.850	—
Dallas	16	4	.800	1
New Orleans	13	7	.650	4
Memphis	8	14	.364	10
Houston	7	13	.350	10

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	6	.727	—
Denver	13	6	.684	1 1/2
Oklahoma City	14	8	.636	2
Portland	9	11	.450	6
Minnesota	5	16	.238	10 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	14	6	.700	—
Phoenix	11	9	.550	3
Golden State	8	12	.400	6
L.A. Clippers	5	17	.227	10
Sacramento	4	15	.211	9 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Indiana 124, Toronto 100
Atlanta 80, Orlando 74
New York 121, Minnesota 114
Chicago 99, Oklahoma City 90
Miami 88, Milwaukee 78
Utah 94, Memphis 85
L.A. Clippers 98, Sacramento 91

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	379	269
N.Y. Jets	9	3	0	.750	267	232
Miami	6	6	0	.500	215	238
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	243	333

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	7	5	0	.583	257	300
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	317	290
Houston	5	7	0	.417	288	321
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	263	235

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	267	191
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	260	201
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	229	239
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	255	322

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	295	237
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	283	269
San Diego	6	6	0	.500	323	253
Denver	3	9	0	.250	256	333

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	308	247
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	344	281
Washington	5	7	0	.417	222	293
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	294	336

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	304	233
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	299	227
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	243	251
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	154	307

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	246	192
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	303	182
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	227	253
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	278	306

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	240	289
St. Louis	6	6	0	.500	232	237
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	203	259
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	200	338

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4th Annual Hell of Marianas Century Cycle

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Mieko Carey receives the women's division championship trophy.



Hell of Marianas winner rider Joon Yong Seo is flanked by runners-up Malcolm Rudolph, right, and Suk Yoon Choi during the awards ceremony for the 4th Annual Hell of Marianas Century Cycle at PIC's Charley's Cabaret last Saturday.



The Top 3 placers in the 36 to 45 age group, from left Dave Spelger, Lewie Tenorio, and Butch Sublemente.



Members of Jenkins Team receive their prizes and medals in the four-person road bike category.



K&A Ladies of Japan, which won in the road bike division, show their prizes.



The Top 3 finishers in the 16 to 25 age group, from left, Yeon Deok Kang, Andy Nutting, and Angelo Jones.



Members of D Great 4J's with their runner-up prize and medals in the four-person road bike category.



Joshua Berger, left, and Fred Camacho are all smiles after getting their third place prize in the two-person race.



The Top 3 placers in the women's road division (36 to 45 age group), from left, Heather Kennedy, Mylene Garcia, and Kanae Quinn.



Philippine Express' Aldrin Sta. Ana, right, and Willy Barbo topped the two-person road race.

Brady, Patriots
rout Jets, 45-3

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Sonics march to Rotary semis

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The Sonics boosted their title bid in the U19 division of the 2010 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League after whipping Rollers C, 62-38, at the start of the playoff round last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



The win moved the Omar Ajoste-coached Sonics to the semifinals, while the loss ousted Rollers C. The Sonics were seeded first in the eight-team playoff after topping the regular season and were paired against the last-seeded Rollers C.

When the top and bottom squads met, the results were expected with the pennant champion Sonics blowing out Rollers C after the former's second-half breakaway.

Leo Apelo and Brian Ajoste led the Sonics lopsided victory, firing 15 and 12 points, respectively. The two Sonics gunners also drew help from their teammates, as eight other Sonics play-

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The Sonics' Brian Ajoste eludes his defender after using teammate Jimmy Tudela's screen during their playoff game against Rollers C in the Rotary U19 caging last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Tenorio first male 'Hell' finisher for Saipan

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Lewie Tenorio finished only second in his age group, but was the first Saipan rider to complete the 4th Annual Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race last Saturday.

Tenorio timed in at 2.84 seconds to become the top male finisher for Saipan for the second straight year. In 2009, Tenorio clocked in at 3:22:28.37 and place eighth overall and fifth in the men's division.

This year, Tenorio was entered in the 36 to 45 age group division and was runner-up to Guam's Dave Spelger, who submitted 3:37:11.96. Completing the Top 3 was another Saipan rider, Butch Sublemente, who posted 3:31:56.34.

In the men's 16 to 25 age group, Saipan's Joel Tudela won the mountain bike division with a time of 4:31:00.56, while Korea's Yeon Deok Kang prevailed in the road bike category.

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Lewie Tenorio, right, joins two other bikers in heading up to the Bird Island Lookout during last Saturday's 4th Annual Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race

FA Cup Final Four cast complete

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The semifinals cast in the 2010 NMIFA Men's FA Cup were completed last Sunday, following Wild Bill's and MP United's playoff wins at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Wild Bill's and Independents Football Club dueled in the first playoff match last weekend with the former nailing a 6-0 victory to advance to the semifinals. In the second playoff pairing, MP United also recorded a shutout win against BDS-Guangdong, 8-0.

The Independents-Wild Bill's tiff went to a scoreless first half before the latter found its rhythm in the second half for an easy win.

After a long spell, Greg Borja broke the ice for Wild Bill's, scoring the first goal in the game in the 46th. Three minutes later, Ben Wood made it a 2-0 mark,

while Borja notched his second goal in the 62nd minute.

Wild Bill's continued its run in the second half with Jeeraphong Thoensaket hitting back-to-back goals in the 64th and 76th minute. A minute later, Adul Detdon broke into the scoreboard, completing Wild Bill's domination of Independents.

The win moved Wild Bill's to a semis confrontation against MP United this Sunday. The other semis pairing will have Inter Godfather's facing Korean Football Association on Saipan.

MP United booked the fourth semis berth after blanking BDS-Guangdong. Six goals in the first half allowed MP United to control the game.

MP United scored early with Jae Hyuck Yim lighting up the scoreboard in the fifth minute. Four minutes later, MP United added one more goal, courtesy of Joe LeVahn. MP United's next three goals were made in a span of three minutes with

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Japanese strikers crush CNMI

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Keio University Soccer Club was all business during its friendly game against the CNMI strikers, as the visitors pulled away an emphatic 7-0 win last Monday night at the Oleai Sports Complex.

A sizeable home crowd

showed up for the one-hour match, but their presence was not enough to prevent the Japanese from asserting their might against the host.

The CNMI strikers tried to keep up with the faster and younger Keio crew, but failed, missing several chances to make goals. Ben Wood muffed

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The CNMI's Ben Wood tries to keep the ball away from a Keio University Soccer Club defender during their friendly game last Monday night at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Daniel Wollack in action for Wild Bill's, which advanced to the semifinals of the FA Cup after shutting out Independents last Sunday, 6-0, at the Oleai Sports Complex.

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